## Learning Journey Growing and Changing Early Years

Children notice the similarities and differences between males and females. They begin to play inclusively with their friends, regardless of their sex (if not already doing so). They think differently and more openly about what a family may look



Children understand that animals and humans change in appearance over time. They use relevant vocabulary such as egg, seed, baby, grow, change, old, and young (and the names for young animals). They make observations and ask questions about living things.

Children are introduced to the basics of human reproduction (not sexual intercourse). They understand that a baby is made by a woman and a man, and grows inside a woman's tummy/womb. They recognise that every family is different and talk about the similarities and differences between themselves and others.

RECEPTION Where do babies come from?

Children reflect on how they have changed as they have grown. They can explain the differences between babies, children, and adults, and understand that we are all unique.

RECEPTION
Life stages –
plants,
animals,
humans

RECEPTION
Life stages:
Human life
stage – who
will I be?

Children use the language and describe the different life stages of: baby, child, teenager, adult, older age, and talk about their own experience of growing up.

RECEPTION Getting bigger

> RECEPTION Me and my body – girls and boys

Children learn the names of parts of the body

(including reproductive parts) using the correct vocabulary. They can explain which parts of their body are kept private and safe - and why. They know to tell or ask an appropriate adult for help if they feel

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NURSERY Girls, boys and families NURSERY When I was a baby

Children talk about how babies change as they grow, what they need and how this changes as they grow. They share their own experiences and listen to those of the others.