Unit Overview – B5 Homeostasis and response

You will learn about:

- The nervous system and the endocrine system.
- Human reproduction and how we can use hormones to improve and reduce fertility.
- The processes of homeostasis within the human body.

You will be able to:

Investigate reaction times of the human body.

Key learning points	
Homeostasis	
The nervous system	
Reaction times	
Reflex actions	
The endocrine system	
Controlling blood glucose and diabetes	
Human reproduction system	
IVF and contraception	
Negative feedback	

Links to other subjects:

Numeracy:

- Translate information between graphical and numeric form.
- Plot two variables form experimental or other data.

SMSC:

- Explain every day and technological applications of science.
- Evaluate associated personal, social, economic and environmental implications, and make decisions on the evaluation of evidence and arguments.

Literacy:

- Use scientific vocabulary, terminology and definitions.

Key Words Endocrine system, homeostasis, hormone, central nervous system, neurone, receptor, reflex action, relay neurone, synapse, reaction time negative feedback, thermoregulatory centre, vasoconstriction, vasodilation, glucagon, insulin, diabetes, dialysis, FSH, LH, oestrogen, progesterone,

contraceptive pill,

