



Term: Autumn 1

Year: 4

Biology: Teeth and the Digestive System

BIG QUESTION: WHAT DO OUR BODIES DO WITH THE FOOD THAT WE EAT?

Types of Teeth

Key Knowledge & Vocabulary

Do All Animals Have the Same Teeth?

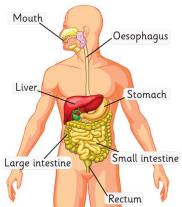
Incisor



Incisors are narrow-edged teeth used to cut into food.

Canine

THE DIGESTIVE SYSTEM



Digestive system
The parts of the body that work together to turn food and liquids into the building blocks and fuel the body needs.
Digestion

The process of breaking food down into simpler substances that the body can use.

Saliva

A watery fluid that moistens chewed food.

Oesophagus

A tube made of muscle through which chewed food passes for digestion.

Stomach

The organ in the body that receives food that has been swallowed and begins to digest it.

Small intestine

The upper part of the intestine, in which food is mostly digested and from where food is absorbed into the body. Large intestine

Where food waste is formed into faeces, stored and finally excreted

Absorb

The act of soaking up a substance.

Acid

Digestive juices released into the stomach from glands in the stomach wall.

Enzymes

Substances that create chemical reactions.

Herbivore



Herbivores eat plants and have sharp incisors and wider, flatter molars. They do not have any canines.

Carnivore



Carnivores eat meat and have long pointed canines, sharp incisors and very few molars at the back.

Omnivore



Omnivores eat a variety of food and have incisors, canines and molars.

Premolar and Molar

Canines are the sharpest

and crush food.

teeth and are used to tear





Premolar

Molar

Premolars have flat biting surfaces to tear and crush food. Molars are the largest teeth and are used to grind, tear and crush food.

Andreas Vesalius (1514 – 1564)

Andreas Vesalius was a doctor and surgeon during the Renaissance. He revolutionised the fields of biology and medicine when he published the first complete textbook of human anatomy.



Andreas became a doctor in 1537 and he spent a lot of time studying and learning about human anatomy, or the parts of the body, in great detail. 'The Seven Books on the Structure of the Human Body' provided the most accurate description of the human body at that time.

Learning Links

Builds on:

Y3 Biology: Skeletons and Muscles

What I am learning now:

Y4 Biology: Teeth & the Digestive System

Leads to

Y5 Biology: Changes as Humans Age





Term: Autumn 2

Year: 4

Chemistry:
States of Matter

BIG QUESTION: IS FORM FIXED?

States of Matter

Key Knowledge & Vocabulary

Is water always wet?

Solids



- stay in one place and can be held
- keep their shape
- does not flow like liquids
- always take up the same amount of space
- can be cut or shaped

Matter

The stuff that things are made of. Everything around us is made of matter, from the air that we breathe, to the water that we drink, and even our own bodies. Matter takes on different forms, depending on how the atoms are arranged.

Particles and atoms

All matter is made up of tiny particles called atoms

States of matter

The form matter takes, depending on how the atoms are arranged - solids, liquids and gases.







Liquids



- can be poured easily
- are not easy to hold
- change their shape depending on the container they are in
 - always take up the same amount of space

Boiling point

The temperature at which a substance enters a rapid rate of evaporation and can change state from a liquid to a gas.

Melting point

The temperature at which a substance can change state from a solid to a liquid.

Melt/melting

When a solid changes into a liquid, the process is called melting.

Solidify/solidifying

When a liquid changes into a solid, the process is called solidifying.

Evaporate/evaporation

Evaporation is the process in which a liquid changes into a gas as a result of increased energy in its particles.

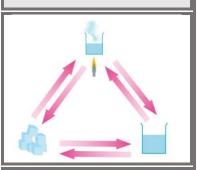
Condense/condensation

Condensation is the process in which a gas changes into a liquid when it cools or loses heat energy.

Precipitation

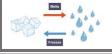
Water that falls to Earth as hail, mist, rain, sleet or snow.

Changing States of Matter



Melting and Solidifying

Heating can change a solid to a liquid. As we heat a solid, we give the particles more energy. This causes the particles to vibrate more rapidly. As they vibrate, they break free from their fixed position and are able to move freely, causing the solid to melt into a liquid.



Water turns to ice at 0°C.

Evaporating and Condensing

This change is reversible and it is also possible to cool the liquid down until the particles are unable to move around each other and can only vibrate in a fixed position. The liquid has become a solid again.



Water turns to water vapour at at 100°C.

Gases



- often invisible
- do not have a fixed shape
- spread out and change their shape and volume to fill up whatever container they are in
- can be squashed

The Water Cycle

- 1. Water evaporates into the air. The sun heats up water on land, in rivers, lakes and seas and turns it into water vapour. The water vapour rises into the air.
- 2. Water vapour condenses into clouds. Water vapour in the air cools down and changes back into tiny drops of liquid water, forming clouds.



- 3. Water falls as **precipitation**. The clouds get **heavy** and water falls back to the ground in the form of rain or
- 4. Water returns to the sea. Rain-water runs over the land and collects in lakes or rivers, which take it back to the sea. The cycle starts all over again.

Learning Links

Builds on:

Y3 Chemistry: Rocks, Soils & Fossils

What I am learning now:

Y4 Chemistry: States of Matter

Leads to:

Y5 Chemistry: Materials





Term: Spring 1 Year: 4 Physics: Sound

BIG QUESTION: HOW DO WE HEAR DIFFERENT SOUNDS?

How is sound made?

Key Knowledge & Vocabulary

How does sound travel?

Vibrations



Sound is created when something vibrates and sends waves of energy or vibrations into our ears.

Volume

The size of the **vibration** is called the **amplitude**.





Louder sounds have a larger amplitude and quieter sounds have a smaller amplitude.

Pitch

Low pitch |←-wavelength →|

| ←→ | wavelength

High pitch

Pitch is a measure of how high or low a sound is. Faster vibrations make a higher pitched sound.

Slower vibrations make a lower pitched sound.

Amplitude

The size of a vibration. A larger amplitude makes a louder sound.

Ear

An organ used for hearing.

Eardrum

A part of the ear which is a thin, tough, layer of tissue that is stretched out like a drum skin. It separates the outer ear from the middle and inner ear. Sound waves make the eardrum vibrate.

Insulation

To soundproof or prevent sound from passing through. To take in sound energy and muffle sound.

Particles

Solids, liquids and gases are made from particles. They are so small we are unable to see them.

Pitch

How low or high a sound is.

Sound

A type of energy made by vibrations.

Sound Waves

Vibrations travelling from a sound source.

Vacuum

A space with nothing in it – not even air.

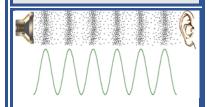
Vibrate/Vibration

Invisible waves that move steadily back and forth.

Volume

The loudness of a sound.

Sound waves



Sound travels as a wave, vibrating the particles in the medium (solid, liquid or gas) it is travelling in.

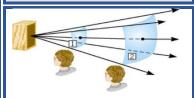
Through a medium





Sound travels from its source through the air or another medium (a solid, a liquid or a gas) to the ear. Sound cannot travel through a vacuum.

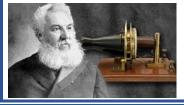
Getting fainter



As the distance from the sound source increases, the same amount of energy is spread over a greater area, so the intensity is less.

Scientists

Alexander Graham Bell (1847-1922) was a Scottish-born inventor who studied how vibrating objects make sounds.



After creating an electric messaging machine, he devised a way of sending and receiving the sounds in the human voice. The result was the telephone.

Delia Derbyshire (1937 – 2001) developed electronic music by playing notes on a tape and then speeding them up or slowing them down.

She produced the Doctor Who theme tune which was created entirely with electronics.

Learning Links

Builds on:

Y3 Physics: Light

What I am learning now:

Y4 Physics: Sound

Leads to:

Y6 Physics: Light





Term: Spring 2 Year: 4 Physics: Electricity

BIG QUESTION: CAN WE CONTROL ELECTRICITY?

Key Knowledge & Vocabulary

A form of energy that can be carried by wires and used for heating, lighting and sound. Electricity can be used to make

Electricity

Electricity

Circuits

Electrical Appliances











sea water

Electrical Conductors

An electrical conductor lets

electricity pass through it.

Conductors are often metal,

e.g. iron and gold, but also

include carbon and water.

Appliance

A machine or device that you use in your home to do a particular job, such as cooking or cleaning. Appliances are often electrical

Cell and Battery

machines and devices work.

A device that stores electrical energy as a chemical. A cell is a single unit and a battery is a collection of cells.

Circuit

A complete route which an electrical current can flow around.

Conductor

A material that electricity can pass through it.

Current

A flow of electricity through a wire or circuit.

Energy

A supply of power. The ability to do work. The power from electricity can make machines work or provide heat.

Insulator

A material that does not allow electricity to pass through it.

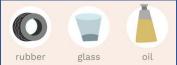
Mains

Electricity supplied through wires to buildings from a power station.

Switch

A control for an electrical device which you use to turn the device on or off. When it is off, a switch breaks the circuit to stop the flow of electricity.

Electrical Circuit Components



Electrical Insulators

An electrical insulator doesn't let electricity pass through it, e.g. wood, leather and plastic. Plastic is used to cover electrical wires because it is a good insulator.

motor wire crocodile clip buzzer

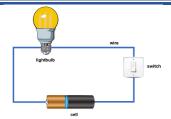






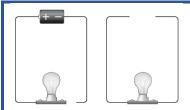


Complete Circuit



Electricity can flow around the circuit so the components will work. The bulb will light.

Incomplete Circuit



There is a **break in the circuit** that prevents the electricity from flowing.

The components will not work.

Series Circuit



A circuit where the components are connected in a loop. Electricity flows through each component in a single pathway.

Remember to Stay Safe Around Electricity



- Electricity can be dangerous if not used correctly.
- Only use equipment as instructed.
- Connect equipment correctly.
- Disconnect equipment after use.
- Report any damaged or broken equipment. Do not use it.



Learning Links

Builds on:

Y3 Physics: Forces and Magnets

What I am learning now:

Y4 Physics: Electricity

Leads to:

Y6 Physics: Electricity





Term: Summer 1

Year: 4

Biology: Living Things and their Habitats

BIG QUESTION: LIVING THINGS, WHAT'S THE SAME, WHAT'S DIFFERENT?

Identify and Classify

Key Knowledge & Vocabulary

Food Chains

Life Processes



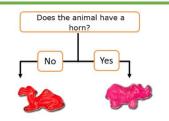
The basic functions carried out by living things to stay alive are called **life processes**.

Same? Different?



Living things can be divided into groups, or classified, by looking at similarities and differences.

Classification Keys



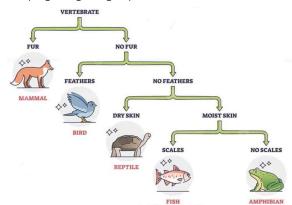
A classification key is a tool used to group things and help us to identify them.

Characteristics

The distinguishing features or qualities that are specific to a species.

Classification

Grouping living things by similarities and differences.



Endangered species

A plant or animal which does not have many of their species living and may become extinct.

Environment

The conditions in which an organism exists or lives.

When a species has no more members alive. Food Chain

A food chain shows how living things get their food.

A natural environment where a plant or animal lives. Invertebrate

An animal that doesn't have a backbone or spine. Life processes

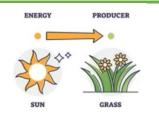
The things that all living things do: Movement, Respiration, Sensitivity, Growth, Reproduction, Excretion, Nutrition.

Organism

Another word for a living thing (plant or animal). **Vertebrate**

An animal that has a backbone or spine.

Producer



Plants create or **produce** their own food using energy from the sun.

Consumer



Animals need to eat plants or animals to get their energy. They are consumers.

Predators and Prey



Animals that eat other animals are **predators**. Animals that are eaten by other animals for food are **prey**.

Are Living Things in Danger?

Plants and animals rely on their environment to give them everything they need to survive. When habitats change, it can be dangerous for the plants and animals that live there.

Natural Changes

Earthquakes, storms, floods, droughts, wild fires, the seasons.



Changes Caused by Human Behaviour
Negative: deforestation, littering,
pollution, urban development
Positive: protecting endangered
species, cleaning bodies of water,
creating nature reserves, recycling

Learning Links

Builds on:

Y2 Biology: Living Things and their Habitats

What I am learning now:

Y4 Biology: Living Things and their Habitats

Leads to:

Y5 Biology: Living Things and their Habitats