

Jaw Dropping Journeys



Key Questions:

How does our digestive system work?

- Can I explain what teeth are for?
- How does different foods effect out teeth?
- What is the journey of our food?

What I need to know:

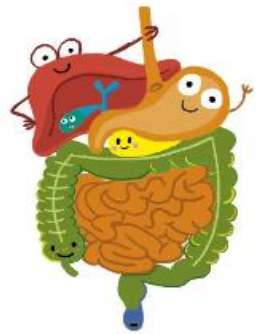
To know the different types of teeth and describe their functions

To compare the teeth of carnivores and herbivores.

To find out what damages teeth and how to look after them.

Describe how fluoride helps us to do this.

To know how the human body digests food and name different organs that are involved in the process.



Key Vocabulary:

Canine - Have a sharp pointed biting surface. Their function is to grip and tear food.

Incisor - Have a sharp biting surface and are used for cutting or shearing food into small, chewable pieces.

Molar / Premolar- They have a large, flat biting surface. Their function is to tear and crush food.

Decay - To rot, decompose or break down.

Fluoride - Fluoride is a mineral that helps prevent tooth decay.

Enamel - the hard, glossy substance that covers the crown of a tooth.

Plaque - A sticky usually colourless thin film on the teeth that is formed by and contains bacteria.

Digest - The body's process of changing food into simpler forms that can be taken up and used.

Enzymes - Speed up chemical reactions in the body.

Oesophagus - Tube like structure that connects the mouth to the stomach.

Nutrients - Are important substances you get from food to help your body survive and grow.