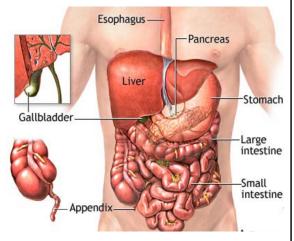


Vocabulary	Meaning		
organ	a part of a living thing which has a specific function		
absorb	to take in or soak up liquid		
digestive system	a group of organs that work together, allowing food to be ingested and nutrients to be absorbed into the body		
oesophagus	the organ that connects your mouth to your stomach		
gastric acid	the juice in the stomach that breaks down food into liquid		
small intestine	joining the stomach, this is the tube where food passes and nutrients are absorbed into the blood		
rectum	the final section of the large intestine where waste is removed		
stomach	an organ containing gastric acid which helps start digestion		
intestine	long tube running from the stomach to the anus		
pancreas	organ that produces enzymes that help with digestion		
anus	where the digestive system ends, waste leaves body		
filter	to remove unwanted particles from a liquid		
vitamins and minerals	nutrients needed in very small quantities (vitamins: mostly from food we eat, minerals: metal compounds)		
milk teeth	our first set of teeth, from 12 months to 3 years old		
adult teeth	our permanent teeth – from about 14 years old		
wisdom teeth	the last four teeth to develop		
calcium	a mineral needed for healthy teeth and bones		
molar	a tooth used to crush and grind food		

Mouth and teeth	Stomach and fundus	Small intestine	Rectum
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Key knowledge – The Human Digestive System

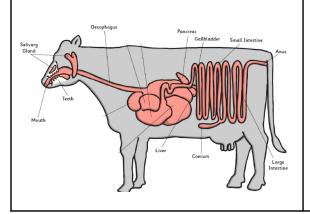


What happens to the food we eat?

Our stomach contains enzymes. These are important for breaking down the food so it can be absorbed by the body.

After the stomach, the partially-digested food passes into the intestines where it begins to be absorbed.

Key knowledge – Why do different animals have different digestive systems?



The cow has four stomachs.

It undergoes a special digestive process to break down the tough and coarse food it eats. When the cow first eats, it chews the food just enough to swallow it. The food then goes to the third and fourth stomachs, where it is fully digested.



Vocabulary	Meaning
incisor	a narrow tooth used to bite and chew food
canine	a tooth used to tear and rip food
function	the purpose or job of something
enamel	the hard glossy substance covering a tooth
dentine	hard bony tissue behind the enamel
pulp	the living part in the middle of the tooth
root	the lower part of the tooth buried in bone
plaque	a sticky substance on our teeth where bacteria grow
decay	rot/break down through the action of bacteria
bacteria	microscopic/tiny organisms



Key knowledge – Why do we brush our teeth?
Why do we need to brush our teeth regularly to keep healthy? (PSHE link)



Cleaning our teeth helps to remove pieces of food left behind after we eat. If we do not clean our teeth, the bacteria in our mouths breaks the pieces of food down into sugars. The sugars make a sticky coating on our teeth, which is called plaque. The plaque can cause tooth decay if it's not brushed away.

