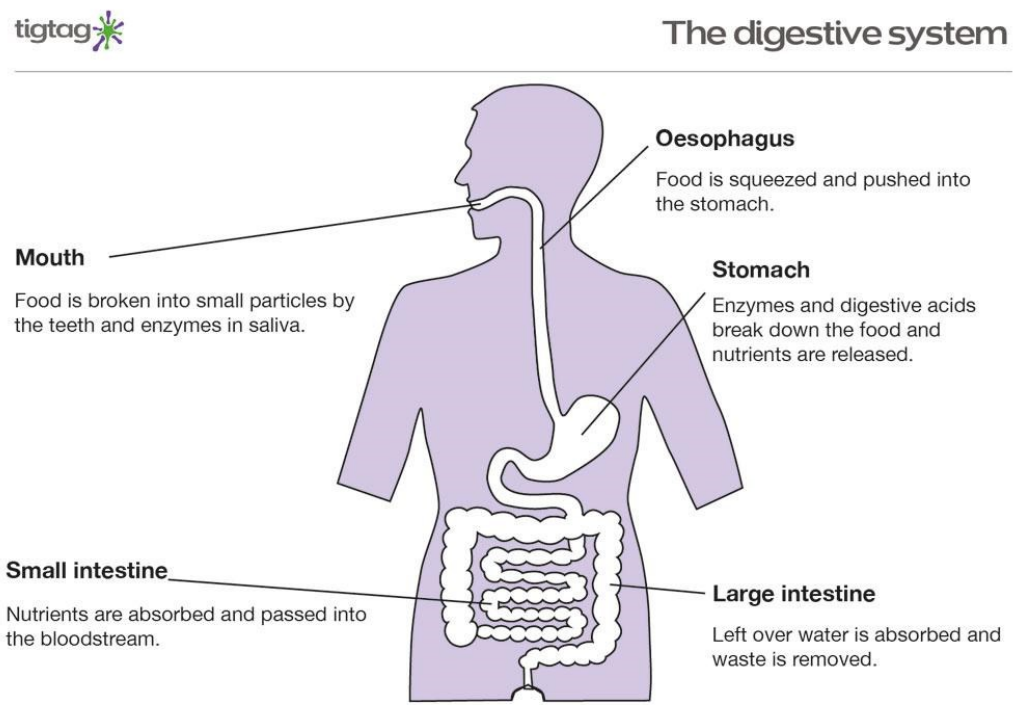
Year 4 - Science – Animals, including humans

Key Vocabulary

Digestive system - The different internal organs that process food, breaking it down into smaller usable pieces.
Digestion - The way the food eaten is broken down into smaller molecules that can be absorbed and used by the body.
Mouth - the natural opening through which food passes into the body of an animal
Teeth - The solid white sections of the mouth that are able to bite, rip and chew food.
Saliva - aka Spit, The clear liquid in the mouth made of water and chemicals that help begin to break down food.
Rectum - The final section of the intestine
Anus - The body's natural opening through which poo is passed.
Nutrients - Types of food needed by living things to remain healthy and grow.



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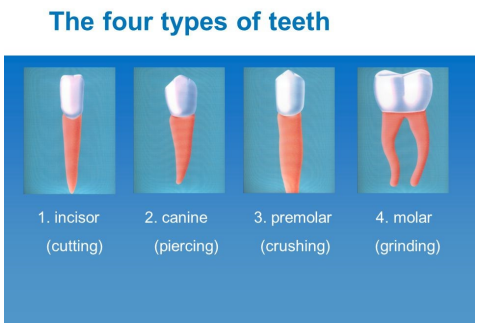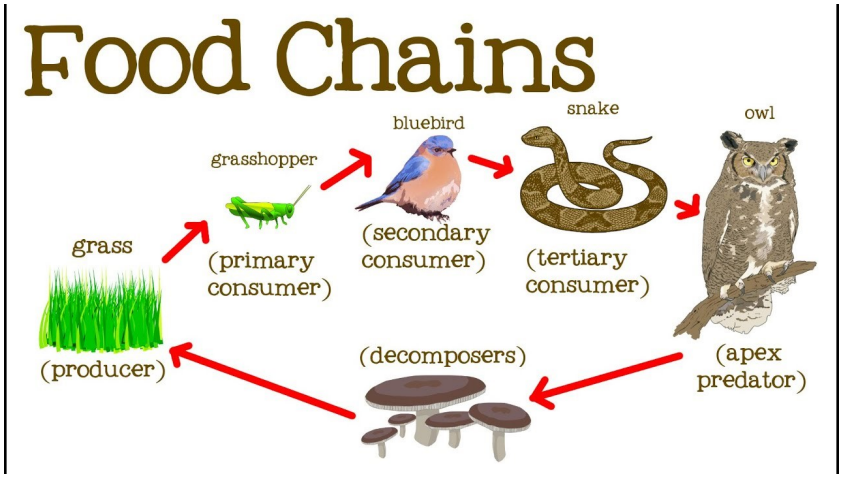
Animals, unlike plants which can make their own food, need to eat in order to get the nutrients they need.
Food contains a range of different nutrients that are needed by the body to stay healthy.
Humans and some other animals have skeletons and muscles which help them move and provide protection and support.