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Animals including Humans: Teeth and Digestion.	Year 4	A SCHOOLING	
Key Knowledge			

Mouth

Key Vocabulary		
WORD	DEFINITION	
Canines	Used for tearing food.	
digestive system	series of organs that break down food	
enamel	very hard layer covering the tooth	
fluoride	ingredient in toothpaste that helps prevent cavities forming	
incisors	front teeth for cutting food	
molars	wide, flat teeth for grinding food	
oesophagus	tubes running from mouth to stomach	
saliva	a fluid in the mouth which helps break down food	
Small intestine	Where nutrients are absorbed from the food.	

Science

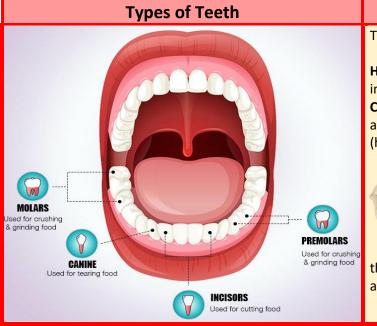
The digestive system begins with the mouth and teeth where food is ingested and chewed.

Small

intestine

Anus

- Saliva is mixed with the food which helps to break it up.
- When the food is small enough to be swallowed, it is pushed down the oesophagus by muscles to the stomach.
- In the stomach, food is mixed further.
- The mixed food is then sent to the small intestine which absorbs nutrients from the food.
- Any leftover broken down food then moves on to the large intestine.
- The food minus the nutrients arrives in the **rectum** where muscles turn it into faeces (poo). It is stored here until it is pushed out by the **anus**.



Different teeth have different functions

Teeth of animals are designed for the foods they eats

Herbivores (e.g., horses) have little use for canines and mainly use incisors and molars

Carnivores (e.g., Lion) mainly use canines and incisors, they don't have molars (have premolars – small molars)



(e.g., humans) use all three

Tooth enamel is the hardest substance in the human body. Humans have two sets of teeth; milk teeth and adult teeth

Food webs Vs Food Chains

Oesophagus

Stomach

tube

Large

intestine

