

Autumn 2 Science – The Digestive System

Key Vocabulary	Definition
food chain	A series of organisms each dependent on the next as a source of food.
mouth	An oval cavity used to digest food
saliva	A watery fluid that moistens chewed food. It contains enzymes which break down starch and that is secreted into the mouth from three pairs of glands near the mouth.
oesophagus	A muscular tube that leads from the mouth through the throat to the stomach.
nutrients	A substance that is needed for healthy growth, development, and functioning
large intestine	The wide lower part of the intestine from which water is absorbed and in which faeces are formed.
digestion	The body's process or power of changing food into simpler forms that can be taken up and used
rectum	Where faeces or stools are stored temporarily
incisor	A tooth for cutting
herbivore	An animal or insect that only eats vegetation, such as grasses, fruits, leaves, vegetables, roots and bulbs.

