

Adult Guidance

Digestive System Parts

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The children will already have learnt about the skeletal and muscular systems in Year 3. This unit is designed to build on their prior knowledge of the basic need for food, the parts of the body and what they are used for.

This unit will enable the children is the foundation for the Year 6 Animals Including Humans unit where they will bring together their understanding of the different systems in their body, nutrition and how the body transfers nutrients to different parts of the body.

Parts Versus Function

In this lesson children will be identifying the parts and naming them. The functions of the different parts of the digestive system will be the focus of Lesson 2 Digestive System Functions. While the children will be naturally curious and may speculate – ask them to jot down ideas on post-it notes or card and put on display for the next lesson.

Duodenum

The duodenum is the first part of the small intestine and is mentioned separately here as it is primarily responsible for breaking down food using enzymes. In this lesson the children need to understand that it is a special part of the small intestine but need to avoid seeing it as separate to it.