

Year 4: Digestive System Knowledge Mat

| Subject Specific Vocabulary | | Interesting Book | Sticky Knowledge about |
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| pancreas | The pancreas produces juices called enzymes which helps the body digest food. | THE | the digestive system The oesophagus is the food highway that takes your dinner from your mouth down into your stomach so that digestion can begin. |
| oesophagus | The oesophagus is like a stretchy tube that moves food from the back of the throat to the stomach. | | |
| intestine | The main function of the small intestine is absorption of nutrients and minerals from food. The major function of the large intestine is to absorb water from the remaining indigestible food. | BOOK | ☐ The stomach is filled with powerful acids that break down the food into smaller pieces. It also lets us know when we are hungry. |
| organ | The skin is the biggest organ of your body. Other organs include your brain, lungs, heart, liver, stomach, intestines, pancreas, and kidneys, | Box | ☐ The liver creates different enzymes to help process food nutrients that are collected in the small intestine. |
| | and they're called internal organs | | ☐ The gallbladder is a storage unit for all of the bile and enzymes created by the |
| molars | Molars are the teeth that are used for chewing and grinding our food. | Important facts to know by the end of the digestive system topic: • Know and name the parts of the digestive system. • Know the function of each organ of the digestive system. • Know and identify the different types of teeth in humans. • Know the function of different human teeth • Use food chains to identify producers, predators and prey. • Construct food chains to identify producers, predators and prey. | liver. It stores them until they are needed |
| canine | Canine are the teeth used for ripping and tearing our food. We have two located at the top of our mouth and two and the bottom. | | for digestion. The main job for the small intestine is to absorb nutrients and minerals from food. In fact, 90% of food absorption takes place here, making it our main digestion location. |
| food chain | A food chain is a diagram that shows us how animals are linked by what they eat | | |
| predators | Predators are wild animals that hunt, or prey on, other animals. Predator animals need the flesh of the animals that they kill to survive. | | ☐ The outside of our teeth are covered with enamel and the inside have blood vessels and nerves. |
| prey | The term prey refers to an animal that is sought, captured, and eaten by a predator. | | ☐ The front teeth are called incisors, the four sharp teeth are called canines, the teeth at the back are called molars. |
| salivary gland | The salivary glands contains special enzymes that help digest the starches in your food. | | |

