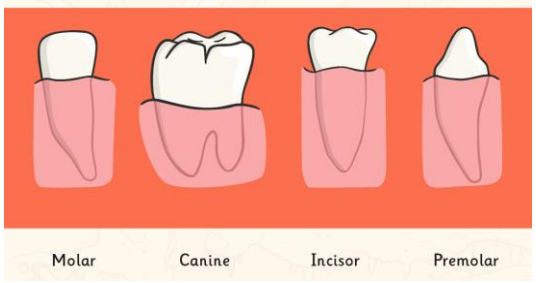
ST. PETER'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL Year 4 - Teeth

What I will know by the end of the theme?

- Identify the different types of teeth in humans and their simple functions.
- Learn how to look after my teeth and prevent tooth decay
- The different types of teeth animals have



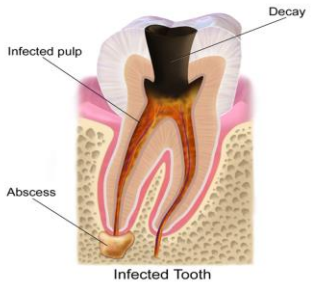
Looking after Our Teeth

- Limit sugary food and drink
- Brush teeth twice a day using a fluoride toothpaste
- Toothpaste contains a chemical called fluoride that helps keep our teeth strong.
- Visit the dentist regularly
- As well as brushing our teeth, some people also use mouthwash and dental floss to keep their teeth healthy.
- These help to remove any bits of food and bacteria from our teeth. Bacteria produce acid which can damage our teeth and cause decay.



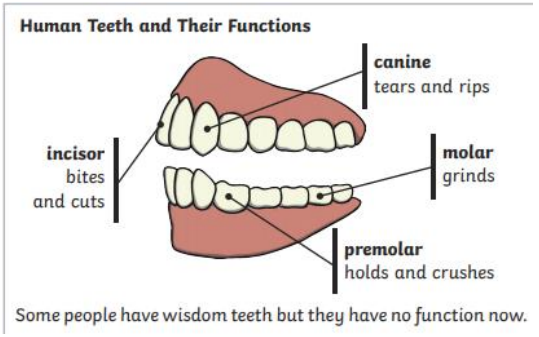
Vocabulary and Definition

Vocabulary	Definition
Molar	A tooth for grinding food at the back of the mouth
Incisor	A tooth for biting food, at the front of the mouth
Canine	A tooth for gripping food, a pointy tooth
Decay	Rot or decompose through the action of bacteria and fungi. This is what happens to teeth when they are not cared for
Gum	The firm area of flesh around the roots of the teeth in the upper and lower jaw.
Plaque	Film of bacteria and saliva that forms on teeth.
Bacteria	Microscopic organisms that often play a role in the decay of living things
Jaw	Each of the upper and lower bony structures in vertebrates forming the framework of the mouth and containing teeth
Enamel	The hard covering for the tooth
Grinding	To rub together in a harsh way
Herbivore	An animal that only feeds on plants
Omnivore	An animal that lives on a diet of both plant and animal food.
Carnivore	An animal that eats the flesh of other animals.

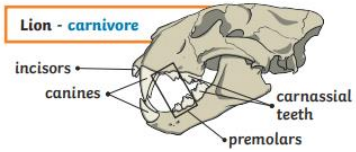


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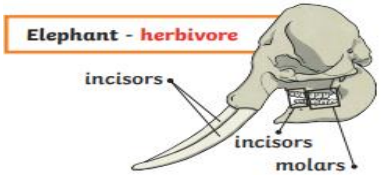
The first set of teeth we have are called milk teeth.
Children have 20 milk teeth.
As we get older we lose them, and our adult teeth grow.
Adults have 32 teeth.



Carnivores have long pointed canines to grab prey. They have sharp molars for slicing meat.



Herbivores have wide, flat molars for grinding plants. The incisors are used to snip and gnaw. They don't have canines



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