

**Key questions:**

**Can I recognise the difference between producers, consumers and decomposers?**

**Can I understand the function of taste buds and salivary glands?**

**Can I explain the different names and functions of human teeth?**

**Can I plan and write conclusion for a teeth staining investigation?**

**Can I name the parts of the digestive system and explain their function?**

**Can I understand how to keep the digestive system healthy with a balanced diet?**

Science Year 4 Animals including Humans: Food and Digestion

**This topic will link to our respect driver as we learn that all animals are special and have a unique role in the world.**

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| **Key Facts** |
| Teeth are used for cutting and chewing food. They start the digestive process which gives us the energy we need to live. Humans look after their teeth by brushing and flossing and ensuring that they do not eat foods high in sugar. Not looking after teeth can lead to an increase in plaque and tooth decay. |
| Canines are pointed for tearing and ripping food. These are usually used when chewing meat.  Incisors are shovel shaped and help bite lumps out of food and for cutting foods.  Premolars and molars are flat and they grind and crush food. |

