

SCIENCE: Biology- Skeletons and Nutrition

Year 3



Key Ideas	
Muscles	Skeletal muscles work in pairs to move the bones they are attached to. They take turns to contract and relax.
Nutrition	Animals including humans need a balanced diet and exercise to remain healthy.
Skeleton	A skeleton has three main functions. Animals can have an endoskeleton, an exoskeleton or a hydrostatic skeleton.

Key Questions	
What do living things need to grow and be strong and healthy?	
Why is it important to eat a balanced diet?	
What do humans and animals need to stay alive?	
What are the three main functions of the skeleton?	
Why do humans need to exercise?	

Key words	Explanation
healthy	in a good physical and mental condition
nutrients	substances that living things need to stay alive and healthy.
energy	strength to be able to move and grow
saturated fats	types of fats, considered less healthy, that should only be eaten in small amounts
unsaturated fats	fats that give you energy, vitamins and minerals
vertebrate	an animal with a backbone
invertebrate	an animal without a backbone
muscles	soft tissues in the body that contract and relax to cause movement
tendons	cords that join muscles to bones
joints	areas where two or more bones are fitted together
endoskeleton	bones are inside the body
exoskeleton	hard layer on the outside of the body
hydrostatic	body is supported by fluid filled tubes

















