

Year 3: Why do we need a skeleton?

Subject Specific Vocabulary		Interesting Books		Sticky Knowledge about our skeleton and muscles
nutrition	Nutrition involves drinking enough water and eating the right amount of items from the four main food groups.			☐ The spine is made up of 33 bones and the smallest bone is found in our ear.
skeleton	The human skeleton is made of bone and grows as we grow. Our skull protects our brain and our ribs protect our heart and lungs.			
muscles	Muscles are attached to bones by tendons and help them to move. When a muscle contracts it gets shorter and pulls on the bone it is attached to.	A Scientist just like me		☐ Muscles make up 40% of our total body weight and the smallest muscle is found in our ears.
diet	Our bodies need a balanced diet to work properly. This involves drinking enough water and eating healthily.			☐ When we are born we have about 300 bones in our body by the time we are adults we have 206 because some bones have fused together.
joint	Joints allow the body to make movements. The body has many bones and are connected through the joints.			
pelvis	The pelvis is a bony cradle-shaped structure located at the base of the spine.	Michelle Williams		☐ When broken our bones will repair themselves. Doctors use casts or splits to make sure they grow back straight.
cartilage	Cartilage is a connective tissue found in many areas of the body including joints between bones e.g. the elbows, knees and ankles.	Important facts to know by the end of the skeleton and muscle topic:		
rib cage	It is made up of curved bones. The rib cage is found in the chest area. It protects a person's internal organs from damage.	• That humans cannot make their own food. They get their nutrition from what they eat. • That humans have skeletons and muscles for support, protection and movement. • Know that the body parts have special functions. • Know the names of the body parts associated with skeleton and muscles. • Compare the diets of different groups of animals, including humans. • Know what a healthy meal looks like.		☐ The longest bone in the human body is the thigh bone called the femur.
tendon	Muscles are attached to the bone by tendons and work in pairs to allow for smooth movement.			☐ Bone marrow makes up 4% of a human body mass. It produces red blood cells which carry oxygen all around the body.
spine	Also known as your backbone, your spine is a strong, flexible column of ring-like bones that runs from your skull to your pelvis.			