

Unit of work  
**Animals including humans**

Year group  
**6**

**Prior learning**

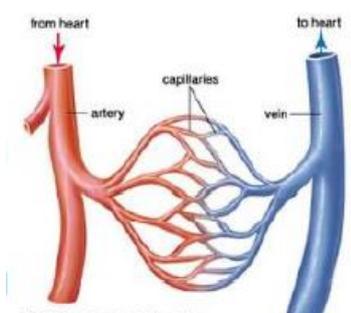
- Which things are living and which are not.
- Classification of animals (e.g. amphibians, reptiles, birds, fish, mammals, invertebrates)
- Animals that are carnivores, herbivores and omnivores.
- Animals have offspring which grow into adults.
- The basic needs of animals for survival (water, food, air)
- The importance of exercise, hygiene and a balanced diet.
- Animals get nutrition from what they eat.
- Some animals have skeletons for support, protection and movement.
- The basic parts of the digestive system.
- The different types of teeth in humans.
- **Respiration** is one of the seven life processes.
- The life cycle of a human and how we change as we grow.

**National Curriculum**

Pupils should be taught to:

- identify and name the main parts of the human circulatory system, and describe the functions of the heart, blood vessels and blood
- recognise the impact of diet, exercise, drugs and lifestyle on the way their bodies function
- describe the ways in which nutrients and water are transported within animals, including humans.

**Knowledge/ Skills**

What is the circulatory system?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The circulatory system is made of the heart, lungs and blood vessels. Arteries carry oxygenated blood from the heart to the rest of the body.</li> <li>• Veins carry deoxygenated blood from the body to the heart.</li> <li>• Nutrients, oxygen and carbon dioxide are exchanged via the capillaries.</li> </ul>
	
Choices can harm the circulatory system	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Some choices, such as smoking and drinking alcohol can be harmful to our health.</li> <li>• Tobacco can cause short-term effects such as shortness of breath, difficulty sleeping and loss of taste and long-term effects such as lung disease, cancer and death</li> <li>• Alcohol can cause short-term effects such as addiction and loss of control and long-term effects such as organ damage, cancer and death</li> </ul>
Why is exercise so important?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exercise can:</li> <li>• Tone our muscles and reduce fat</li> <li>• Increase fitness</li> <li>• Make you feel physically and mentally healthier</li> <li>• Strengthens the heart</li> <li>• Improves lung function</li> <li>• Improves skin</li> </ul>

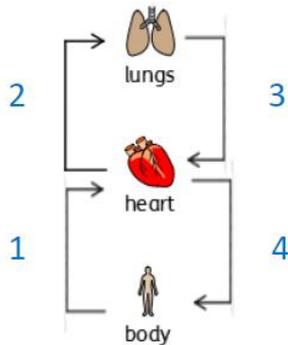
**Vocabulary and definitions**

Word	Definition
aorta	the main <b>artery</b> through which blood leaves your <b>heart</b> before it flows through the rest of your body
arteries	a tube in your body that carries <b>oxygenated</b> blood from your <b>heart</b> to the rest of your body
blood vessels	the narrow tubes through which your blood flows. <b>Arteries, veins</b> and <b>capillaries</b> are <b>blood vessels</b> .
capillaries	tiny <b>blood vessels</b> in your body
carbon dioxide	a gas produced by animals and people breathing out
circulatory system	the system responsible for circulating blood through the body, that supplies <b>nutrients</b> and <b>oxygen</b> to the body and removes waste products such as <b>carbon dioxide</b> .
deoxygenated	blood that does not contain <b>oxygen</b>
heart	the <b>organ</b> in your chest that <b>pumps</b> the blood around your body
lungs	two <b>organs</b> inside your chest which fill with air when you breathe in. They <b>oxygenate</b> the blood and remove <b>carbon dioxide</b> from it.
nutrients	substances that help plants and animals to grow
organ	a part of your body that has a particular purpose
oxygen	a colourless gas that plants and animals need to survive
oxygenated	blood that contains <b>oxygen</b>
pulse	the regular beating of blood through your body. How fast or slow your <b>pulse</b> is depends on the activity you are doing.
respiration	process of respiring; breathing; inhaling and exhaling air. In KS3 science, this process is referred to as <b>ventilation</b> .
vein	a tube in your body that carries <b>deoxygenated</b> blood to your <b>heart</b> from the rest of your body
vena cava	a large <b>vein</b> through which <b>deoxygenated</b> blood reaches your <b>heart</b> from the body
ventilation	The exchange of air between the lungs and the atmosphere so that <b>oxygen</b> can be exchanged for <b>carbon dioxide</b>
via	through

## Diagram

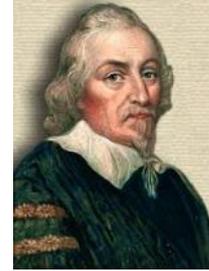
1. **Deoxygenated** blood is sent to the **heart** from the rest of the body.
2. This is then sent from the **heart** to the **lungs**. Here, the blood picks up **oxygen** and disposes of **carbon dioxide**.
3. **Oxygenated** blood is then sent back to the heart.
4. The **heart** sends the **oxygenated** blood back to the rest of the body.

How often your **heart pumps** is called your **pulse**.



## Significant people

**William Harvey**  
(1578-1657)



William Harvey was an English physician and the first person to correctly describe blood's circulation in the body. He showed that arteries and veins form a complete circuit.

## Investigate

- How does your **pulse** change with exercise? What is the most efficient way of presenting this data?
- Analyse line graphs that show the change in **heart** rate over time before, during and after exercise.
- Which exercise produces the fastest **pulse**? How would you make this a fair test?
- Identify the parts of the **circulatory** system and explain their functions
- Create a presentation to show how our blood is pumped around the body.
- Write a persuasive text explaining the importance of exercise.

Question 1: The heart, blood vessels and lungs make up the...	Start of unit:	End of unit:
digestive system		
circulatory system		
skeletal system		
muscular system		

Question 3: The most effective way to show the change in pulse rate over time is by using a...	Start of unit:	End of unit:
picture		
bar chart		
pie chart		
line graph		

Question 5: The veins carry _____ blood.	Start of unit:	End of unit:
deoxygenated		
oxygenated		
blue		

Question 2: Which one of these is <b>not</b> an organ?	Start of unit:	End of unit:
heart		
lungs		
blood		

Question 4: You are investigating which exercise yields the highest heart rate. How can you ensure a fair test? Tick two.	Start of unit:	End of unit:
treat everybody the same		
measure the same subject's pulse before, during and after each exercise.		
ensure the starting heart rate is the same before each exercise		
complete each exercise without resting in between.		

Question 6: Tick TWO boxes below to show the two activities that would increase pulse rate the most.	Start of unit:	End of unit:
reading a book		
playing football		
drinking water		
going for a walk		

Question 7: Explain what is happening at each stage of the process.	Start of unit:	End of unit:
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		

Question 8: Which of these can harm our bodies? Tick two.	Start of unit:	End of unit:
smoking		
all drugs		
alcohol		
exercise		

Question 9: The function of the blood is to provide the body with...(tick three)	Start of unit:	End of unit:
nutrients		
water		
carbon dioxide		
oxygen		

Question 10: Arteries, veins and capillaries are examples of...	Start of unit:	End of unit:
blood		
blood vessels		
blood types		
nutrients		