

Keywords: Autumn 2 Science

Topic Title: Cells

Introduction to the topic: Why are you learning it and how does it link to what you've learned before?

The cells topic teaches you about the building blocks of animals and plants and will help you to explore what you are made up of.

What lessons will you cover during the topic? You will look at animal and plant cells, at microscopes and how cells make up a whole organism.

Keyword	Definition
Cell	The basic building blocks of all
	living things.
Organism	A living thing.
Nucleus	This contains the genetic material
	(DNA) of the organism and
	controls the cell's activities.
Cytoplasm	The liquid that makes up most of
	the cell in which chemical
	reactions happen. This is mainly
	water.
Mitochondria	Tiny parts of cells floating in the
	cytoplasm where energy is
	released from glucose from food.
	The mitochondria, found in the cell
	cytoplasm, are where
	most respiration happens.
Cell membrane	A flexible outer layer that
	surrounds the cell and controls
	which substances can pass into
	and out from it.
Chloroplasts	Structures found in the cells of
	green parts of plants only (leaves
	and stems) which contain a green

	pigment called chlorophyll in which photosynthesis occurs.
Cell wall	A tough outer layer of the cell, which contains cellulose to provide strength and support to the plant.
Vacuole	A space inside the cytoplasm that contains a watery liquid called cell sap. It keeps the cell firm.
Diffusion	Diffusion is the movement of a substance from an area of high concentration to an area of lower concentration.
Osmosis	Osmosis is the diffusion of water molecules from a dilute solution (high concentration of water) to a more concentrated solution (low concentration of water) across a selectively permeable membrane.