Skeletons and Muscles

Glossary

vertebrate - any animal that has a backbone

invertebrate - any animal without a backbone

vertebrae – one of the small bones which forms part of the backbone

spine - a series of vertebrae extending from the skull to the small of the back

bone - any of the pieces of hard whitish tissue making up the skeleton

skeleton -the framework of bones which hold the body together, protect vital organs and allows the body to move

femur - bone of the thigh

skull -bone framework encasing the brain

 $\ensuremath{\mathbf{ribcage}}$ - the bony frame formed by the ribs round the chest

pelvis - the large bony frame near the base of the spine to which the legs are attached

 $\mbox{\bf biceps}$ - a large muscle in the upper arm which flexes the arm

a muscle in the back of the thigh which helps to flex the leg

triceps - any of several muscles having three points of attachment at one end

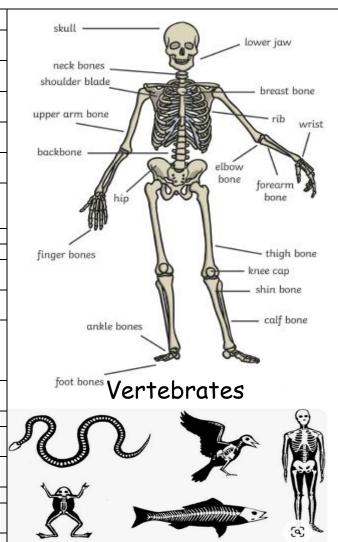
muscles - fleshy parts of the body that are joined to bones that work in pairs to make the body move

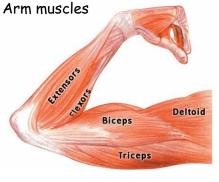
tendons - a cord of strong tissue attaching a muscle to a bone

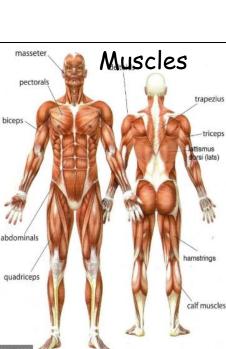
joints -place where two bones are connected

contract - when a muscle tightens it is said to contract

relax - when a muscle loosens it is said to relax







X-ray of vertebrae in the spine



