

ALMOND HILL JUNIOR SCHOOL MEDIUM TERM PLAN

TOPIC TITLE/SUBJECT: Science - Rocks and Soil

Vocabulary:

Rock, soil, igneous, metamorphic, sedimentary, process, lava, properties, texture, density, porous, buoyant, fossil, dinosaur, palaeontologist, trace fossil, body fossil, Mary Anning, man-made, natural, translocation, transformations

Enquiry skills:

classify, group, fair test, investigate, prediction, observe, record, results, table, measure, conclusion

Skills (key skills for the unit in bold)

YEAR GROUP: 3

Enquiry and working scientifically

- Designing a fair test Post it planning
- Asking relevant questions
- Research (famous scientist)
- Observing over time
- Taking accurate measurements
- Gather and record information
- Interpret data
- Characterise and identify similarities, differences and changes
- Draw conclusion

What we already know

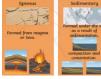
TERM: Autumn 2

No specific knowledge taught in KS1 on rocks and soils. However, children may have prior experiences and knowledge in this area (learning through play, knowledge and understanding of the world)

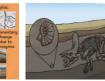
KS1 – Enquiry/working scientifically skills

- Y2/A1Observing first-hand experiences
- Y2/A2 Investigate different materials for a range of purposes
- Y2/A2 Sorting and classifying materials based on properties
- Y2/Sp1 Everyday materials properties and uses including what properties are needed to implement a change in appearance of material
- Y2/Sp2 Observe and describe
- Y2/Su 2 Grouping and classifying, using simple equipment, make observations

Illustration











Application/ Outcomes

- Scientific drawing of rocks and describe properties
- Investigate other properties of rocks and classify and group them
- Research Mary Anning
- Describe the fossilisation process how fossils are formed
- Recognise what soil is made of and how it is made and how rocks can 'evolve' in different ways – forming different types of rock

Concepts

- Rock formation
- Fossil formation
- Scientific enquiry
- Palaeontology
- Natural vs human processes

Other/Cross Curricular Links with English/Maths/Adaptation for SEND

Adaptations for SEND include: mixed ability pairs, visual and video stimuli, discussion, scaffolding Links to: Geography (igneous rocks are formed inside a volcano), History (Stone Age and Iron Age), English (reading fact file about Mary Anning), Maths (data gathering, presenting data and drawing conclusion)