

Holy Family Catholic Primary School Cronton



Year 3: Science autumn term 1	<u>Unit:</u> Rock detectives	Theme: Rocks	
/hat I should already know: What I will know by the end of the unit:		Vocabulary	
I know that we can discover fossils in the ground. I know that soil contains nutrients and these help	I can compare and group together different kinds of rocks on the basis of their appearance and simple physical properties. I can describe in simple terms how fossils are formed when things that have lived are trapped	Erosion	Soil, rock, or land being gradually worn away by natural causes e.g. by water or wind.
plants to grow. I can explain the meaning of the word absorb. I know that magma is molten rock which is		Fossilisation	To preserve (an animal or plant) so that it becomes a fossil.
formed in very hot conditions inside the earth. I know why some materials are used because of their certain properties.	within rock. I can recognise that soils are made from rocks and organic matter.	Igneous rocks	Rocks that are formed by volcanic action or intense heat.
A grey/white rock used as a	Key Scientist Mary Anning (1799-1847) was a famous British fossil hunter who found the fossils	Impermeable	Material or substance can pass through or soak in to it.
building stone and to make concrete.		Lava	Hot molten or semi-fluid rock erupted from a volcano.
A soft, white rock.	of many prehistoric animals. Although not trained as a	Magma	Molten rock that is formed in very hot conditions inside the earth
	scientist her discoveries changed Science.	Metamorphic rocks	Rocks that have had their original structure changed by pressure and heat.
A hard rock, usually grey to pink in colour often used for	Types of rock	Palaeontologist	The study of fossils as a guide to the history of life on Earth.
Granite buildings.	Igneous Formed from the solidification of molten rock (magmaor lava).	Permeable	Something such as water or gas can pass through it or soak into it.
Is often grey in colour and is used for roofs and floor tiles.	Sedimentary Formed at the Earth's surface from the accumulation and cementation of fragmented pieces of older rock produced by weathering.	Sediment	Solid material that settles at the bottom of a liquid, especially earth and pieces of rock that have been carried along and then left somewhere by water, ice, or wind.
Comes in different colours and used in buildings and sculptures	Metamorphic Rocks that have undergone physical changes as a result of exposure to extreme pressure, temperature and fluids.	Sedimentary rocks	Rocks that are formed when particles of other rocks or the remains of plants and animals are pressed and cemented together over time to form a new rock e.g. sandstone.