Year 3 Chemical Science: Rocks and Soils

Scientific Model (KS2):

Particle Model

- Introduce the model midway through the unit by demonstrating that when you rub softer rocks, such as sandstone, smaller pieces are come away from the rock.
- Explain that can be broken down into smaller and smaller pieces of rock.
 Once these are as small as they can become, they are known as particles.

Scientific Investigations:

- Looking for Naturally- Occurring Patterns and Relationships
- Identifying and Classifying Things
- Researching Using Secondary Sources
- Comparative and Fair Testing

Scientists:

- Mary Anning was born in 1799. She made important discoveries about fossils. Mary is one of the greatest fossil hunters to have ever lived.
- William Smith was born 1769. He was an English geologist, credited with creating the first detailed, nationwide geological map of any country

Scientific Skills Taught:

ASK

- To ask relevant questions
- To decide when to use secondary sources to find answers
- To make simple predictions based on knowledge of science

Unit 1

BREAKDOWN

- To set up simple tests
- To decide what equipment to use
- To make decisions about the type of enquiry
- To use different enquiry types to test questions

CAPTURE

- To observe carefully
- To measure accurately using standard units
- To measure using a range of equipment
- To gather data and record in different ways
- To make systematic observations
- To identify differences, similarities and changes
- To group, sort and classify using different criteria

DESCRIBE

- To draw simple conclusions
- To present data in different ways
- To explain what they have found out using correct scientific language
- To record finding using correct language in varied ways
- To answer questions based on evidence orally and in writing

Prior Learning:

- Distinguish between an object and the material from which it is made. (Y1 Everyday materials)
- Identify and name a variety of everyday materials, including wood, plastic, glass, metal, water, and rock. (Y1 Everyday materials)
- Describe the simple physical properties of a variety of everyday materials. (Y1 Everyday materials)
- Compare and group together a variety of everyday materials on the basis of their simple physical properties. (Y1 Everyday materials)
- Identify and compare the suitability of a variety of everyday materials, including wood, metal, plastic, glass, brick, rock, paper, and cardboard for particular uses. (Y2 Uses of everyday materials)

Curriculum	Learning Intention	Knowledge and Key Vocabulary
Making links to learning and discuss the model (if needed)	What do we know about rocks and soils? Begin with a mind map of known facts using key questions from SGAPs to organise and activate such prior knowledge.	

Knowledge and skills through investigations

Pupils should be taught to:

- compare and group together different kinds of rocks on the basis of their appearance and simple physical properties
- describe in simple terms how fossils are formed when things that have lived are trapped within rock
- recognise that soils are made from rocks and organic matter

Notes and guidance (non-statutory):

 Linked with work in geography, pupils should explore different kinds of rocks and soils, including those in the local environment.

Pupils might work scientifically by:

- observing rocks, including those used in buildings and gravestones, and exploring how and why they might have changed over time; using a hand lens or microscope to help them to identify and classify rocks according to whether they have grains or crystals, and whether they have fossils in them.
- Pupils might research and discuss the different kinds of living things whose fossils are found in sedimentary rock and explore how fossils are formed.
- Pupils could explore different soils and identify similarities and differences between them and investigate what happens when rocks are rubbed together or what changes occur when they are in water.
- They can raise and answer questions about the way soils are formed.

What can you see when you magnify the surface of rocks?

- name the three different types of rocks
- explain the difference between natural and humanmade rocks
- use the appearance of rocks to group and compare them

How do rocks differ?

- name the different types of rocks
- identify features of different rocks
- group rocks based on their properties
- use a systematic approach to recognise similar features of different rocks

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How are fossils formed?

- explain the difference between a bone and a fossil
- order the steps of how a fossil is formed
- explain how fossils are formed

What could a palaeontologist be?

- explain what a palaeontologist does. I can understand why Mary Anning's fossil findings were important
- explain Mary Anning's contribution to palaeontology

What are soils made of?

- explain that soil is composed of different things
- describe the 4 processes of soil formation

How do soils differ?

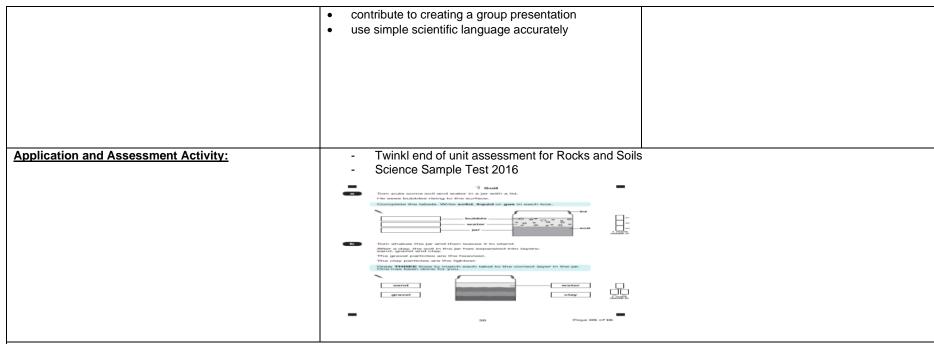
- identify how to make careful observations
- observe how much water has filtered through different types of soil
- use the same equipment and length of time for each observation
- record observations accurately in a table

Knowledge:

- To know that rock is a naturally occurring material.
- To name and describe three types of rocks and how they are formed.
- To use scientific vocabulary to describe the properties of rocks.
- To name the five layers of soil
- To name four soils and their properties
- To know some rocks contain fossils. These will be sedimentary rocks by nature.
- Name the type of rock which would contain fossils
- Describe how fossils were formed.

Vocabulary:

 rock; soil; appearance; grain; crystal; particle; permeable; impermeable; porous; sedimentary; metamorphic; igneous; rock cycle; bedrock; weathering; erosion; organic; peat; humus; loam; absorbent; impervious; molten; lava; fossil; texture; sand; gravel; clay; Moh's scale; sandstone; granite; marble; limestone; flint; slate; chalk; characteristics; volcano; inorganic; organic



Thinking Deeper:

- Children research the uses of different soil types.

Links to other subjects:

- Subject Specific links -
 - Literacy non-chronological reports, explanations,
 - Maths in classifying
- Personal Development discussing making sensible decisions and remaining safe around areas rocks are found (quarries, cliff tops, rock pools etc.)
- SMSC Challenging the stereotypes of women as scientists and opportunities available to Victorian women
- Cultural Capital Famous marble sculptures i.e. The Parthenon Frieze (Elgin Marbles); Standing Stone circles

- Careers Palaeontologist, Geologist, Horticulture based careers Farmer, Gardener, Sculptor, Civil Engineer, Builder
- British Values Working together in groups valuing contributions and ideas to develop an investigation
- Equality Mary Anning was not recognised in her own time because she was working class and a woman. Promotion of both male and female scientists.