



Term 1: Rocks (Year 3 unit)								
National Curriculum Objectives	Key Knowledge	Vocabulary	Key Scientists	Prior Learning	Future Learning			
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.	There are different types of rock. There are different types of soil. Soils change over time. Different plants grow in different soils. Fossils tell us what has happened before. Fossils provide evidence. Paleontologists use Fossils to find out about the past. Fossils provide evidence that living things have changed over time.	Rocks, igneous, metamorphic, sedimentary, anthropic, permeable, impermeable, chemical fossil, body fossil, trace fossil, Mary Anning, cast fossil, mould fossil, replacement fossil, extinct, organic matter, top soil, sub soil, base rock.	Mary Anning (Discovery of Fossils) Inge Lehmann (Earth's Mantle)	KS1: Distinguish between an object and the material from which it is made. Identify and name a variety of everyday materials, including wood, plastic, glass, metal, water, and rock. Describe the simple physical properties of a variety of everyday materials. Compare and group together a variety of everyday materials on the basis of their simple physical properties. Identify and compare the suitability of a variety of everyday materials, including wood, metal, plastic, glass, brick, rock, paper	Year 5: Compare and group together everyday materials on the basis of their properties, including their hardness, solubility, transparency, conductivity (electrical and thermal), and response to magnets. Know that some materials will dissolve in liquid to form a solution, and describe how to recover a substance from a solution. Use knowledge of solids, liquids, and gases to decide how mixtures might be separated, including through filtering, sieving and evaporating. Give reasons based on evidence from			





				and cardboard for particular uses. Find out how the shapes of solid objects made from some materials can be changed by squashing, bending, twisting and stretching.	comparative and fair tests, for the particular uses of everyday materials, including wood, metals and plastic. Demonstrate that dissolving, mixing and changes of state are reversible changes. Explain that some changes result in the formation of new materials, and this kind of change is usually not reversible, including changes associated with burning and the action of acid on bicarbonate of soda.
Key Question(s):	Working Scientifically opportunities:	Big Question - Assessment opportunity	Linked Texts		
How are the soils different? Which do you think has best drainage? Which is more likely to lead to flooding?	Competitive tests - How does adding different amounts of sand to soil affect how quickly water drains through it?	What are rocks and soils like?	The Pebble in My Pocket (Meredith Hooper) Stone Girl, Bone Girl (Laurence Anholt)		





How many soil types	Identify and Classify -	The Street Beneath My	
have we found?	Can you use the	Feet	
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Where might you find	identification key to find	(Charlotte Guillain &	
more?	out the name of each of	Yuval Zommer)	
How might the soil be	the rocks in your		
different in different countries?	collection?		
What rock is best for a	Observation Overtime -		
kitchen chopping board?	How does tumbling		
What might be the	change a rock over time?		
issues with various	What happens when		
materials and what they	water keeps dripping on		
have to withstand?	a sandcastle?		
What types of rocks are			
there?	Pattern Seeking - Is		
How do rocks change?	there a pattern in where		
What would grow best in	we find volcanos on		
your soil?	planet Earth?		
Why do you think worms			
are important to the	Research - Who was		
creation of soil?	Mary Anning and what		
How can we use	did she discover?		
composting to make our			
own soil?			
Does it currently look			
like real soil?			
How long do you think			
this process will take			
and why?			





How are fossils created?			
Why do fossils help us			
find out about historical			
events?			
If you could fossilise an			
object what would it be?			

Term 2: Light (Year 3 unit)									
National Curriculum Objectives	Key Knowledge	Vocabulary	Key Scientists	Prior Learning	Future Learning				
Recognise that they need light in order to see things and that dark is the absence of light. Notice that light is reflected from surfaces. Recognise that light from the sun can be dangerous and that there are ways to protect their eyes. Recognise that shadows are formed when the light from a light source is blocked by a solid object.	There must be light for us to see. Without light it is dark. We need light to see things even shiny things. Transparent materials let light through them and opaque materials don't let light through. Beams of light bounce off some materials (reflection). Shiny materials reflect light beams better than non-shiny materials. Light comes from a source	Light source, dark, reflect, ray, mirror, bounce, visible, beam, sun, glare, travel, straight, opaque, shadow, block, transparent, translucent.	James Clerk Maxwell (Visible and Invisible Waves of Light)	Year 1: Observed changes across the four seasons. Observed and describe weather associated with the seasons and how day length varies. Children may: Have some knowledge of were light comes from. Have seen their shadows and may know they appear when it is sunny. Have some understanding of a reflection.	Year 6: Recognise that light appears to travel in straight lines. Use the idea that light travels in straight lines to explain that objects are seen because they give out or reflect light into the eye. Explain that we see things because light travels from light sources to our eyes or from light sources to objects and then to our eyes.				





Find patterns in the way that the sizes of shadows change.				May understand they need light to be able to see things.	Use the idea that light travels in straight lines to explain why shadows have the same shape as the objects that cast them. Know how simple optical instruments work, e.g. periscope, telescope, binoculars, mirror, magnifying glass etc.
Key Question(s):	Working Scientifically	Big Question -	Linked Texts		
	opportunities:	Assessment opportunity			
A coin is lost, what would be the best way to find it? (Turn the lights out and see it shine? Use a torch to see it reflect?) How does distance from a light source affect how bright it looks? How does being in darkness affect your sense of hearing? What colour would be the best to make a safety jacket from?	Competitive tests - How does the distance between the shadow puppet and the screen affect the size of the shadow? Which pair of sunglasses will be best at protecting our eyes? Identify and Classify - How would you organise these light sources into natural and artificial sources?	What is a shadow?	The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark (Jill Tomlinson) The Dark (Lemony Snicket) The Firework-Maker's Daughter (Philip Pullman)		





How does the colour of a	Observation Overtime -		
material affect how	When is our classroom		
reflective it is?	darkest? Is the Sun the		
What would be the best	same brightness all day?		
material to make a blind			
for a baby's room?	Pattern Seeking - Are		
How does thickness of a	you more likely to have		
material affect how	bad eye sight and to		
much light can pass	wear glasses if you are		
through it?	older?		
How many pieces of			
tracing paper are as	Research - How does the		
translucent as a single	Sun make light?		
piece of white paper?			
How does the shape of a			
mirror affect how the			
light reflects?			
How can we change the			
darkness, size and shape			
of a shadow?			

Term 3 and 4: Forces and Magnets (Year 3 unit)								
National Curriculum Objectives	Key Knowledge	Vocabulary	Key Scientists	Prior Learning	Future Learning			
Compare how things move on different surfaces.	Magnets exert attractive and repulsive forces on each other.	Force, push, pull, friction, surface, magnet, magnetic, magnetic field, pole,	William Gilbert (Theories on Magnetism) Andre Marie Ampere	Year 2: May have an awareness of how to make things	Year 5: Explain that unsupported objects fall towards the Earth because of the			





Know how a simple pulley	Magnets exert non-	north, south, attract,	(Founder of Electro-	stop and start, using	force of gravity acting
works and use making	contact forces, which	repel, compass	Magnetism)	simple pushes and pulls.	between the Earth and
lifting an object simpler	work through some		-	They may know about	the falling object and
Notice that some forces	materials.			floating and sinking.	the impact of gravity on
need contact between	Magnets exert				our lives.
two objects, but	attractive forces on				Identify the effects of
magnetic forces can act	some materials.				air resistance, water
at a distance.	Magnet forces are				resistance and friction,
Observe how magnets	affected by magnet				which act between
attract and repel each	strength, object mass,				moving surfaces.
other and attract some	distance from object				Recognise that some
materials and not others.	and object material.				mechanisms, including
Compare and group					levers, pulleys and gears,
together a variety of					allow a smaller force to
everyday materials on					have a greater effect.
the basis of whether					Describe the movement
they are attracted to a					of the Earth, and other
magnet, and identify					planets, relative to the
some magnetic materials.					Sun in the solar system.
Describe magnets as					Describe the movement
having two poles.					of the Moon relative to
Predict whether two					the Earth.
magnets with attract or					Describe the Sun, Earth
repel each other,					and Moon as
depending on which poles					approximately spherical
are facing.					bodies.
					Describe the idea of the
					Earth's rotation to
					explain day and night and





				the apparent movement of the sun across the sky.
Key Question(s):	Working Scientifically opportunities:	Big Question - Assessment opportunity	Linked Texts	
What are magnetic materials? How can we find out? Can I make a magnetic material non-magnetic? How far away does a magnet have to be before it attracts a magnetic material? How far away can the magnetic attraction between two magnets be experiences? Is the repulsive force the same size? How is the magnetic attraction of repulsion force affected by putting materials between the magnets? Are bigger magnets stronger?	Competitive tests - How does the mass of an object affect how much force is needed to make it move? Which magnet is strongest? Which surface is best to stop you slipping? Identify and Classify - Which materials are magnetic? Observation Overtime - If we magnetise a pin, how long does it stay magnetised for? Pattern Seeking - Do magnetic materials always conduct electricity? Does the size and shape of a	How can we move magnets?	The Iron Man (Ted Hughes) Mrs Armitage: Queen of the Road (Quentin Blake) Mr Archimedes' Bath (Pamela Allen)	





How could you use	magnet affect how		
magnets to measure the	strong it is?		
number of pages in a			
book?	Research - How have our		
	ideas about forces		
	changed over time? How		
	does a compass work?		

Term 5: Animals including Humans (Year 4 unit)								
National Curriculum Objectives	Key Knowledge	Vocabulary	Key Scientists	Prior Learning	Future Learning			
Describe the simple functions of the basic parts of the digestive system in humans. Identify the different types of teeth in humans and their simple functions. Construct and interpret a variety of food chains, identifying producers, predators and prey.	Animals have teeth to help them eat. Different types of teeth do different jobs. Food is broken down by the teeth and further in the stomach and intestines where nutrients go into the blood. The blood takes nutrients around the body. Nutrients produced by plants move to primary consumers then to	Herbivore, Carnivore, Digestive system, tongue, mouth, teeth, oesophagus, stomach, gall bladder, small intestine, pancreas, large intestine, liver, tooth, canine, incisor, molar, premolar, producer, consumer.	Ivan Pavlov (Digestive System Mechanisms) Joseph Lister (Discovered Antiseptics)	Year 3: Identify that animals, including humans, need the right types and amount of nutrition, and they cannot make their own food; they get their nutrition from what they eat. Know how nutrients, water and oxygen are transported within animals and humans. Know about the importance of a nutritious, balanced diet. Identify that humans	Year 5: Know the life cycle of different living things, e.g. Mammal, amphibian, insect bird. Know the differences between different life cycles. Know the process of reproduction in plants. Know the process of reproduction in animals.			





	secondary consumers through food chains.			and some other animals have skeletons and muscles for support, protection and movement	
Key Question(s):	Working Scientifically opportunities:	Big Question – Assessment opportunity	Linked Texts		
What different types of food are there? Why do we need a variety of different foods? Do all organisms eat the same things? Why do some people need different diets? (weightlifter vs marathon runner) Why are teeth important? What happens to our food? What is our digestive system? How does our food turn into poo and wee?	Competitive tests - In our class, are omnivores taller than vegetarians? Identify and Classify - What are the names for all the organs involved in the digestive system? How can we organise teeth into groups? Observation Overtime - How does an egg shell change when it is left in cola? Pattern Seeking - Are foods that are high in energy always high in sugar?	What do our bodies do with the food we eat?	Human Body Odyssey (Werner Holzwarth) Crocodiles Don't Brush Their Teeth (Colin Fancy) Wolves (Emily Gravett)		





Research - How do		
dentists fix broken		
teeth?		

Term 6 - Sound (Year 4 NC)						
National Curriculum Objectives	Key Knowledge	Vocabulary	Key Scientists	Prior Learning	Future Learning	
Know how sound is made associating some of them with vibrating. Know what happens to a sound as it travels from its source to our ears. Know the correlation between the volume of a sound and the strength of the vibrations that produced it. Know how sound travels from a source to our ears. Know the correlation between pitch and the object producing a sound.	Sound travels from its source in all directions and we hear it when it travels to our ears. Sound travel can be blocked. Sound spreads out as it travels. Changing the shape, size and material of an object will change the sound it produces. Sound is produced when an object vibrates. Sound moves through all materials by making them vibrate. Changing the way an object vibrates changes it's sound.	Amplitude, volume, quiet, loud, ear, pitch, high, low, particles, instruments, wave.	Aristotle (Sound Waves) Gailileo Galilei (Frequency and Pitch of Sound Waves) Alexander Graham Bell (Invented the Telephone)	May have some understanding that objects make different sounds. Some understanding that they use their ears to hear sounds. Know about their different senses.	In KS3: Frequencies of sound waves, measured in hertz (Hz); echoes, reflection and absorption of sound Sound needs a medium to travel, the speed of sound in air, in water, in solids. Sound produced by vibrations of objects, in loud speakers, detected by their effects on microphone diaphragm and the ear drum; sound waves are longitudinal. Auditory range of humans and animals.	





	Bigger vibrations produce louder sounds and smaller vibrations produce quieter sounds. Faster vibrations (higher frequencies) produce higher pitched sounds			
Key Question(s):	Working Scientifically	Big Question -	Linked Texts	
	opportunities: Competitive tests - How	Assessment opportunity		
How can you change the volume of a sound? How does the size of an ear trumpet affect the volume of sound detected? How does the type of material affect how well is blocks a sound? How does thickness of material affect how well it blocks a sound? Which materials vibrate better and produce louder sounds? Can we identify any patterns? Which materials make the best string	does the volume of a drum change as you move further away from it? How does the length of a guitar string/tuning fork affect the pitch of the sound? Are two ears better than one? Identify and Classify - Which material is best to use for muffling sound in ear defenders? Observation Overtime - When is our classroom the quietest?	How can we make different sounds?	Horrid Henry Rocks (Francesca Simon) Moonbird (Joyce Dunbar) The Pied Piper of Hamelin (Natalia Vasquez)	





telephone components?	Pattern Seeking - Is		
(tin cans, paper cups,	there a link between how		
plastic cups, wire, cable,	loud it is in school and		
string, plastic or elastic	the time of day? If		
- predict and test)	there is a pattern, is it		
How does length of the	the same in every area		
tube (when making a	of the school?		
straw oboe) affect the			
pitch and volume?	Research - Do all animals		
Can you predict the	have the same hearing		
relative pitch of tuning	range?		
forks from the patterns	_		
of ripples they make in			
the water?			