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Topic: Rocks

rock

fossils

formed

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Strand: Chemistry

Year 3

Linked Scientists

Mary Anning — Born 1799, she found the first complete fossil of an Ichthyosaurus, or 'fish lizard'.

Brianna Green -A biogeochemist who studies soil samples in place like the North Pole.

Key Vocabulary					
Teg Vocabular	ש				
absorbent	A material that soaks up a liquid				
chalky soil	Soil that is light brown in colour,				
	that water drains through quickly				
clay soil	Clay soil is usually sticky and has				
	small particles. They contain very				
	few air gaps and water does not				
	drain through it easily				
erosion	When water and wind wears				
	away rocks and soils				
fossils	The bones or other remains of				
	living things are sometimes				
	preserved in rocks as fossils				
igneous rock	Rock that has been formed from				
	magma or lava				
impermeable	Does not allow liquids to pass				
	through it				
lava	Molten rock that comes out of the				
	ground is called lava				
magma	Molten rock that remains				
	underground				
metamorphic	Rock that started out as igneous				
rock	or sedimentary rock but changed				
	due to being exposed to extreme				
	heat or pressure				
permeable	Allows liquids to pass through it				
sediment	Natural solid material that is				
	moved and dropped off in a new				
	place by water or wind, e.g. sand				
sedimentary	Rock that has been formed by				
rock	layers of sediment being pressed				
	down hard and sticking together				

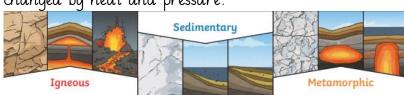
What I will know by the end of the unit Name the Types of rock three There are three main types of

three different types of There are three main types of rock in the Earth's crust. These are sedimentary, igneous and metamorphic.

Sedimentary rocks are made from layers of mud and sand, called sediment, that have settled in water and have been squashed over a long time to form rock.

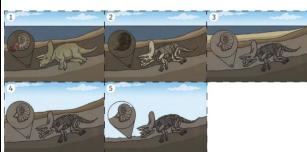
Igneous rocks are made from cooled magma or lava.

Metamorphic rocks are formed when existing rocks are changed by heat and pressure.



Describe What is a fossil? how A fossil is the pre-

A fossil is the preserved remains or impressions of a living organism such as a plant, animal or insect. They are usually formed when a living thing (plant or animal) dies and the body is covered up or buried by sediment over tens of thousands of years.



Studying fossils helps scientists to learn about life on Earth thousands and millions of years ago.

Most fossils are found in sedimentary rock such as shale, limestone and sandstone.

What I will know by the end of the unit

Compare
and group
together
different
kinds of
rocks on the
basis of
their
appearance
and simple
physical
properties



Some words you might use to discuss the properties of a rock:

Hard, soft, permeable, impermeable, durable (meaning resistant to weathering), high density, low density. Density measures how 'bulky' the rock is (how tightly packed the molecules are).

Soils are made from rocks and organic matter

Soil is the uppermost layer of the Earth

It is a mixture of different things:

- minerals (the minerals in soil come from finely broken-down rock)
- air
- water
- organic matter (including living and dead plants and animals)

