## BILSTON CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY

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## MEDIUM TERM PLANNING

Subject	Topic/Key Question	Year Group	Term	Time Allocation
Science	Rocks	3	Autumn 1	20 hours
ROCKS and Fossils  Controlled  Library	ROCKS AND MINERALS  Library	Mary Anning Fossil Hunter Reading scheme	Library	FOSSIL Bill Thomson Library service
End of lower Key stage 2 Outcomes	Asking relevant questions and using different types of scientific enquiries to answer them.   Setting up simple practical enquiries, comparative and fair tests.  Making systematic and careful observations and, where appropriate, taking			

	accurate measurements using standard units, using a range of equipment, including thermometers and data loggers. ② Gathering, recording, classifying and presenting data in a variety of ways to help in answering questions.  Recording findings using simple scientific language, drawings, labelled diagrams, keys, bar charts, and tables.  Reporting on findings from enquiries, including oral and written explanations, displays or presentations of results and conclusions.  Using results to draw simple conclusions, make predictions for new values, suggest improvements and raise further questions.  Identifying differences, similarities or changes related to simple scientific ideas and processes.  Using straightforward scientific evidence to answer questions or to support their findings.
End of Unit Outcomes	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 within rock.  I can recognise that soils are made from rocks and organic matter.
Vocabulary	Appearance, physical properties, hard, soft, shiny, dull, rough, smooth, absorbent, not absorbent, fossils, sedimentary rock, soils, rock, organic matter, uses, grains, crystal

Lesson	Time	Key	Teaching Activities	Resources
Sequence	Allocation	Question/WALT		

			Computing opportunities	
Lesson 1 What different types of rocks are there?	2 hours	WALT: investigate materials.  WILF: I can describe different properties of rocks. I can group rocks according to their properties.	Working Scientifically: Recording findings using simple scientific language, drawings, labelled diagrams, keys, bar charts and tables.  Do you know the names of any rocks? Do you know what they might be used for?  Give the children an opportunity to explore some rocks – Granite, Chalk, Sandstone, Limestone and Marble.  Share observation – what shape are they?  What size are they?  What do they feel like?  Take a closer look at the rocks using magnifying glasses and microscopes.  Look at similarities and differences. Begin to introduce language – hard, soft, rough, smooth and the names of the rocks.	Collins Connect - Snap Science  A selection of rocks  Magnifying glasses/microscopes Resource sheets 1-4 Properties list
Lesson 2	2 hours	WALT: work Scientifically.	Children to compare the rocks.  Working Scientifically: Asking relevant questions and using different types of scientific enquiries to answer them.	Collins Connect – Snap Science
Which rock is which?		WILF: I can identify and name some different kinds of rocks. I can sort rocks by carefully observing their properties and using a key.	Recap – What did we do last lesson? Can you describe the rocks? Make a list on the board.  By the end of the discussion, children should have the following sets of information:  • Pumice: rough, light, soft, full of holes  • Granite: smooth, heavy, hard, visible crystals  • Marble: smooth, heavy, hard, all white  • Chalk: rough, light, soft, all white	Resource sheets 1 - 3

			Think of yes/no questions about the rocks that would help sort them.  Example  Is it hard? Yes - granite, marble Is it white? Yes - marble No - granite Children to create their own questions and use the template on worksheets to help sort the rocks.	
Lesson 3  How are rocks used around our school?	2 hours	WALT: investigate materials.  WILF: I can identify different types of rocks found around the school. I can describe how they are being used. I can explain why their properties make them useful for this purpose.	Working Scientifically: Gathering, recording, classifying and presenting data in a variety of ways to help in answering questions.  Recap - What rocks do you know of already? What are their properties? Which do you think is the hardest? Which the softest? How might they be used?  Discuss – How are rocks used around our school? How do we know it is rock? What type of rock is it?  Images from slideshow 1 – What types of rocks can you see? What rock is best to use and why?  Children to record the different types of rocks used around school on Resource sheet 2.	Collins Connect – Snap Science  Collins Connect – Snap Science Slideshow 1  Collins Connect – Snap Science Interactive 1  Resource sheets 1 and 2 Rocks previously looked at IPads for research to record findings.
			Use Resource sheet 1 for support.	

Lesson 4  Are all rocks as hard as one another?	2 hours	WALT: investigate materials.  WILF: I can test rocks to investigate their hardness. I can order them from hardest to softest. I can suggest when a hard rock might be more useful than a soft one.	Working Scientifically: Using straightforward scientific evidence to answer questions, or to support their findings.  What did we find out last lesson? Look at rocks previously handled.  TTYP - Are all rocks as hard as each other?  Discuss – How can we safely find out how hard a rock is?  Explain that we are going to investigate how hard each rock is by doing a 'scratch test.'  Scratch test  Scratch each rock using a pin, your fingernail and a coin and record what happens after each one – Resource sheet 1  You need to use your results to identify which rock will be best to make a statue.  Order the rocks from the softest to the hardest and then decide which rock you will use for your statue.  Will you use one rock or more than one for different parts? Explain why you have chosen that rock/s using the evidence form your experiment.	Collins Connect – Snap Science  Resource sheet 1  Rocks previously used  A drawing pin  A coin
Lesson 5 Are all rocks waterproof?	2 hours	WALT: investigate materials.	Working Scientifically: Setting up simple practical enquiries, comparative and fair tests.	Collins Connect – Snap Science

		WILF: I can test rocks to	Recap – What did we do last lesson? Which rock from the collection was the hardest?	Resource sheets 1
		see if they absorb water. I can record my results in a table. I can order rocks	Explain that when rocks are used, especially outdoors then it is important that the rock used is waterproof or able to withstand all the different types of weather.	and 2  A range of rocks
		depending on how quickly they absorb water.	TTYP – How can we test how waterproof each rock is? Feedback ideas.	previously used Pipettes
			Predict – Which rock do you think will absorb water the quickest and why?	Water
			Today you are going to test each rock using water.  Demonstrate using one rock – use a pipette to drop water on to a rock and see if it absorbs water or not.  (1 minute, 2minutes and 5 minutes)	Timers
			Differentiated sheets – Ye/No or timed worksheet  Variables – Children need to consider how many drops of water they put on each rock (needs to be the	
Lesson 6	2 hours	WALT: investigate	same). Will the same person be timing?  Working Scientifically: Gathering, recording,	Collins Connect –
How do rocks change over		materials. WILF:	classifying and presenting data in a variety of ways to help in answering questions.	Snap Science  Collins Connect –
time?		I can describe how the appearance of	What did we find out last lesson?	Snap Science Slideshow 1

		rocks changes over time. I can use a table to organise my results. I can suggest causes for the changes I have observed.	We need to look at how rocks change over time.  Introduce words – weathering and erosion – Does anyone know what these words mean? Explain words.  Look at images in slideshow 1 – discuss  What do you notice?  What do you think caused this? – Think back to previous lesson  Children to visit a site around school where they can investigate lots of different things made from different rocks.  Look for what type of rock it is? What has happened to the rocks over time? Has anything started to grow over the rock? Has the colour started to change?  Complete resource sheet on findings in investigation.	Resource sheets 1 and 2  Video 1 and Video 2
Lesson 7  How is soil made?	2 hours	WALT: investigate materials.  WILF: I can describe	Working Scientifically: Using straightforward scientific evidence to answer questions, or to support their findings.  Collins Connect – Slideshow 1 – There is a rock under	Collins Connect – Snap Science
		what happens to rocks to change them into soils. I can observe soils closely.	everything – look at images and discuss  What is below us, when we are in the classroom?  When we are standing on the school field? When we are up a mountain? When we are in a rowing boat on a lake?	Resource sheets 1, 2 and 3

I can group soils according to their properties.	Rock Detective Rosie says that there is rock under everything - Is she correct? Discuss.	Collins Connect Video 1
properties.	If there are rocks below us, what happens to rocks to change them from rock into soil – because we know that most plants need soil to grow? Show the video of rocks breaking down as a result of wave or river erosion, frost and heat (Video 1).	Different types of soil
	What do you think happens to the rocks? Which types of rocks do you think will break down more easily? What happens to those particles over time? Might there be anything else in soil – or just broken down rocks?	Microscopes and magnifying glasses.
	Give children a variety of different soils – explain that there is sandy soil, heavy clay soil, chalky soil, loam rich soil (including organic material), peaty soil, local soil.	
	Discuss differences.	
	Look at soils through microscopes and magnifying glasses.	
	Record findings using resources sheets.	

Lesson 8 Why do	2 hours	WALT: investigate materials.  WILF:	<b>Working Scientifically:</b> Using straightforward scientific evidence to answer questions, or to support their findings.	Collins Connect – Snap Science
some soils		I can record my	Recap last lesson.	
hold water?		results.	Farmer Bloom Slide – Lesson 7 – Problem – farm keeps flooding – What can he do?	Resource sheets 1 and 2
	I can draw a conclusion from my results. I can use my test results to suggest which soil would be best to add to Farmer Bloom's fi eld and why.	Lots of ideas to solve his problem, including digging ditches, grow plants that like wet soil, add more organic material or sand and gravel to the field.  TTYP - What do you think is the best idea?  Explain that during this lesson their challenge is to act as Rock Detectives to investigate the relationship between the type of soil and how quickly water flows through it. Remind them of earlier work on the properties of different soils. Help them to plan what to measure and what equipment to use. The challenges are presented on the Challenge slides to be displayed on the board, or printed out and placed in	Farmer Bloom slide  – Collins Connect lesson 7  Soil samples, water, beakers, funnels, jugs and timers/stopwatches.	
			the centre of the table.  Challenge 1: Children test three different soil samples and record their results in a table Tell the children that they are going to test three different types of soil, using the method you showed them earlier. Provide children with a table in which to record their results (Resource sheet 1). They need to observe what happens very carefully, comparing the time it takes for the soils to drain and record their results in the table. They use their results to answer questions and	

			draw conclusions: Do your results show that all the soils let water through at the same rate? Which soil lets water through the quickest? Which soil lets water through the slowest? Why might this be?	
			Challenge 2: Children test three different soil samples and record their results in a table and draw conclusions Tell the children that they are going to test three different types of soil, using the method you showed them earlier. Provide children with a table in which to record their results (Resource sheet 2). They need to observe what happens very carefully, comparing the time it takes for the soils to drain and record their results in a table.	
Lesson 9 What is a	2 hours	WALT: investigate materials.	Working Scientifically: Identifying differences, similarities or changes related to simple scientific ideas and processes.]	Collins Connect – Snap Science
fossil anyway?		WILF: I can describe what fossils are.	Watch Video 1 – discusses the different types of fossils.	Collins Connect Video 1
		I can identify different types of	What is a fossil? What different fossils did we hear about?	Danas ala ata 4. 2
		fossils. I can gather evidence to help	ENQUIRE: Tell the children that they are going to act as Rock Detectives, exploring the different types of fossils in the fossil collector's collection in order to	Resource sheets 1, 2 and 3
		answer a question.	find out as much as they can about them. They will be asked to recommend which types of fossils our collector needs to find more of, so that he can make	Resource sheet 4 – game
			his collection even better. The challenges are presented on the Challenge slides to be displayed on	

the board, or printed out and placed in the centre of the table. Challenge 1: Children observe and identify a number of fossils.

Ask the children to look at and explore the fossil collection. They use the Fossil identifier (Resource sheet 1) to help them identify which types of fossils the collection includes. Give them Resource sheet 2, which contains a table for them to complete to show how many of each type of fossil they have identified.

Which fossil type(s) does the fossil collector have most of? Have least of?

Challenge 2: Children observe and identify a number of fossils, exploring their origins and deciding on how to improve the collection Ask the children to look at and explore the fossil collection. They use the fossil identifier (Resource sheet 1) to help them identify which types of fossils the collection includes. Give them Resource sheet 3, which contains a table for them to complete to show how many of each type of fossil they have identified.

Which fossil type(s) does the fossil collector have most of? Have least of? Which types of fossil do you think he needs more of to improve his collection?

Challenge 3: Children research a fossil, presenting their results in a method of their choice Tell the children to choose a fossil from the fossil collector's collection. They need to use their research skills to find out as much as they can about this type of fossil

Replica fossils

Magnifying glasses/microscopes

IPads/laptops for research

Twinkl – fossils resource pack and slides

Lesson 10 How are	2 hours	WALT: investigate materials.  WILF:	Working Scientifically: Identify differences, similarities, or changes related to simple scientific ideas and processes.	Collins Connect – Snap Science
fossils formed?		I can explain how fossils are formed.	Recap last lesson.  Hide fossils in a feely ag and ask children to reach in	Resource sheets 1 and 2
		I can sequence the stages of the	and describe what they can feel.	
		process.	TTYP – What clues can help you identify the fossil?  Use the fossil identifier from Collins Connect Snap	Collins Connect – Animation of how
		storyboard to communicate my	Science lesson 9 – Resource 1 to help check their findings.	fossils are formed.
		ideas.	Watch animation of fossils being formed.	Twinkl – fossils resource pack and
			Children need to illustrate how a fossil is formed using the storyboard worksheet – Resource 2	slides
			Children to identify one fossil and draw the stages of its life.	Replica Fossils
			Think about - Would the original animal or plant have lived on land or in the sea? What would have happened to it when it died? How might the fossil have been eventually discovered?	