

Progression in knowledge

National Curriculum statements in red are from other linked topics.

Rocks

Early learning goal	 Communication and Language - Listening, Attention and Understanding Make comments about what they have heard and ask questions to clarify their understanding. Personal, Social and Emotional Development - Managing Self Manage their own basic hygiene and personal needs, including dressing, going to the toilet and understanding the importance of healthy food choices. Understanding the World - The Natural World Explore the natural world around them, making observations and drawing pictures of animals and plants. Know some similarities and differences between the natural world around them and contrasting environments, drawing on their experiences and what has been read in class. Understand some important processes and changes in the natural world around them, including the seasons and changing states of matter
Year 1	 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)
Year 2	 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)
Year 3	 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.
Year 4	

Year 5	
Year 6	 Recognise that living things have changed over time and that fossils provide information about living things that inhabited the Earth millions of years ago (Y6 Evolution and inheritance)
KS3	 The composition of the Earth. The structure of the Earth. The rock cycle and the formation of igneous, sedimentary and metamorphic rocks.