Year 3: Rocks Knowledge Mat

Subject S	pecific Vocabulary	Working Scientifically	Sticky Knowledge
fossil	A fossil is the preserved remains or traces of a dead organism.	☐ Identifying differences or similarities	about our rocks and magnets Rocks have been used by humans for millions of years, from early tools and weapons
soil	Soil consists of a mix of organic material (decayed plants and animals) and broken bits of rocks and minerals.	or changes related to scientific ideas or processes.	
crystals	Crystals are a special kind of solid material where the molecules fit together in a repeating pattern.	☐ Recording findings using simple scientific language.	through to construction materials for modern buildings.
sedimentary	Sedimentary rocks are made when sand, mud and pebbles get laid down in layers. Over time, these layers are squashed under more and more layers.	Reporting on findings from enquiries.Gathering, recording, classifying	Sediment deposited over time, often as layers at the bottom of lakes and oceans, forms sedimentary rocks.
metamorphic	When a rock experiences heat and pressure, it becomes a metamorphic rock. All metamorphic rocks start as another type of rock.	and presenting data in a range of ways.	 Extreme pressure and heat over time forms metamorphic rocks. Examples are marble and slate.
igneous	Igneous rock is formed when magma cools and solidifies. It may do this above or below the Earth's surface. Organic matter is matter that has come		 When magma cools and solidifies it forms igneous rock. Examples are granite and pumice.
organic matter	from a recently living organism. It is capable of decaying		☐ Fossils are formed when a living creature is buried under layers of rock, and an imprint of them is left behind.
permeable	If a rock is permeable, it means that water is able to pass through the rock.		☐ Fossils are only found in sedimentary rocks.
impermeable	Impermeable means that water cannot easily pass through the rock.		Soil is made up of small particles of rock, dead plants and animals, air and water.