### Year 3 Summer Term Science Knowledge Organiser

## Key questions: How does light help us see? How are rocks and soils formed?

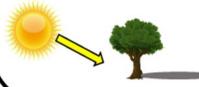
As the earth spins, it makes the sun appear to rise in the east in the morning. Because the sun hits an object at an angle, the shadow is long.



As the earth continues to spin the sun is overhead by midday. Because the sun hits the object from above, the shadow is short.



As the earth spins and the sun sets in the west in the evening, the shadow is long.



**Opaque:** This is the name given to objects which light cannot travel through. **They block light and create** shadows

**Translucent:** This is the name given to objects which some light can travel through.

**Transparent:** This is the name given to objects which light can travel through.

# LIGHT

- 1.) We can see objects because light reflects off them and into our eyes.
- **2.)** Light reflects off most objects, especially colours like white and yellow.
- **3.)** If there is no light at all (pitch-black), then there is no light to reflect and we can't see anything at all.
- **4.)** At night you can still see a bit in the dark because the moon is reflecting light.

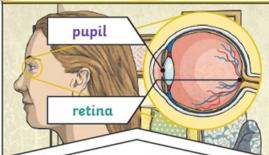
#### **Light Vocabulary**

Transparent	Reflect	Wave	Eye
Translucent	Reflection	Photon	Iris
Opaque	Refraction	Lightspeed	Pupil
Shadow	Light	Producer	Sclera
Absorb	Energy	Reflector	Retina

Light travels in straight lines. It travels from the light source either directly into our eyes, or reflecting off objects at 670 million mph.



LIGHT SOURCES

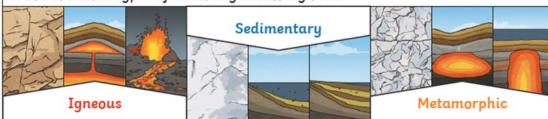


#### The pupils

control the amount of light entering the eyes. If too much light enters, then it can damage the retina. To help protect the eyes, you can wear a hat with a wide brim and sunglasses with a UV rating.

### **ROCKS AND SOILS**

There are three types of naturally occurring rock.



#### **IGNEOUS**

Far underground, the temperature is so hot, rock melts into a liquid (molten rock). This liquid rock is called 'magma' and it can cool to form an intrusive rock. When it spills out (volcano), the liquid is called 'lava' and it cools to form extrusive rock.

#### **METAMORPHIC**

When sedimentary or igneous rock is near magma, it heats up and chemicals change in the rock. It is put under extreme heat and pressure. However, it does not heat up enough to melt it. As it cools it becomes metamorphic rock.

#### **SEDIMENTARY**

These rocks form under the sea. Rocks are broken into small pieces by wind/water (erosion). They settle as mud, sand, minerals and even remains of living things. Over time, layers pile up and the pressure turns this sediment into rock.



Granite
Obsidian
Basalt



Limestone Chalk

Sandstone



Marble Quartzite Slate



A fossil is the remains or the impression left by a prehistoric plant or animal embedded in rock.

An enthusiastic palaeontologist



It takes place in sedimentary rock because the heat from lava and magma in igneous and metamorphic rock would be too high for fossils to survive.

#### **Rocks and Soils Vocabulary**

Petrologist Rock Metamorphic Magma Hard Heat Lava Iron rich Soft Pressure Deposit nutrient Sedimentary Formation Mineral silt Particle Key Permeable Sand

Sediment Mary Anning Impermeable

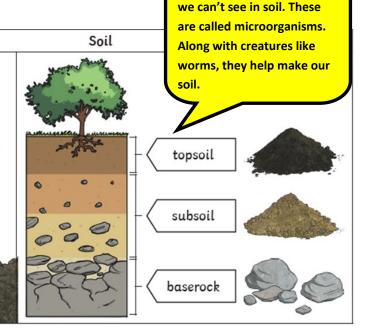
Igneous Fossils

#### Did you know?

There are man made rocks, like brick, coade stone, concrete and mock rock that have been developed to make them cheaper and easier to work with. These are called ANTHROPIC rocks

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).



There are even living things