Year 3: Science Rocks & Stones Knowledge Mat

Subject	Specific Vocabulary	The Rock Cycle	Important knowledge
rock	A naturally occurring material made of minerals.		☐ I know that rocks are made in different ways and this changes their appearance.
sedimentary rock	A rock which is formed on or near the Earth's surface from the compression of ocean sediments or other processes.	cooling melting weathering and erosion	 □ I know I know that I can group rocks based on their physical □ properties. □ I know that there is a reaction
igneous rock	Igneous rocks form when magma cools and crystallises.	heat and pressure ediments	between vinegar and sedimentary. rock. I know that sedimentary rock is porous.
metamorphic rock	Metamorphic rocks start as one type of rock and, with pressure, heat, and time, gradually change into a new type of rock.	Metamorphic weathering compaction and cementation weathering and erosion	☐ I know that metamorphic rock is hard. ☐ I know how fossils are formed in sedimentary rock. ☐ I know that soils are made from rocks,
geology	The scientific study of the Earth's structures.	pressure Rock	leaves, fungus, and water. I know that the quantity of organic matter and the type of rocks that soils are made of will affect their drainage.
magma	Molten, or hot liquefied, rock located deep below the Earth's surface is called magma.	Fossil Sequence	Working Scientifically ☐ I can sort rocks into groups based on their appearance: shiny, dull,
solidify	To solidify is to make or become solid.		crystals, grainy etc.I can classify, group and sort rocks based on their physical
fossil	The bones or other remains of living things are sometimes preserved in rocks as fossils		 properties. I can conduct a test to explore the characteristics of rocks. I can use websites and text to find out
sediment	Sediment is the small particles of stone or rock that sinks to the bottom of a river or lake and forms sedimentary rock.		how fossils are formed. I can use websites to discover the importance of Mary Anning. I can measure the time it takes for a
soil	Ground up rock mixed with plant and animal remains.		given volume of water to drain through different soils, in seconds. I can plan an investigation to find our which sandy soil drains best.