Science Rocks and Soils Year 3

igneous	A hard rock created when magma from beneath the earth's crust cools on the planet's surface. Crystals often form when the rock cools quickly. Examples are granite, obsidian and pumice.
sedimentary	A layered rock found underwater or in cliffs. Sedimentary rock is created from layers of sand and sediment. Examples are sandstone and flint.
metamorphic	Formed when igneous or sedimentary rock is heated. The rock becomes soft and the heat changes its internal chemicals. Examples are slate and marble.
anthropic	The scientific name for man-made rocks is anthropic e.g. concrete, bricks etc.
permeable	Allows water or gas to pass through it.
impermeable	Does not allow water or gas to pass through it.
fossil	The remains of animal or plant life, preserved in stone when minerals turn the bones and tissue to stone. This process is called Petrification
soil	Material made from broken down organic matter, (leaves, plants, animals, etc).
clay soil	Is heavy and very sticky when wet. Water does not drain through easily.
gravelly soil	Contains lots of small stones and allows water to pass through it.
sandy soil	Is light and dry and contains air gaps to let water drain through.
palaeontology	The study of fossils