

Autumn 1 Knowledge Organiser

History - Mary Anning

Year 1 and 2

Core Knowledge

Mary Anning was a famous fossil hunter and palaeontologist.

She was born in 1799 in Lyme Regis, Dorset.

She lived about 200 years ago.

Mary began looking for fossils when she was a child.

She became famous for finding important fossils of prehistoric animals.

Mary made many important fossil discoveries.

Ichthyosaur

- An ichthyosaur was a prehistoric marine reptile.
- It lived in the sea millions of years ago.
- Mary found an important ichthyosaur fossil when she was young.

Plesiosaur

- A plesiosaur was another prehistoric marine reptile.
- It had a long neck and four flippers.
- Mary discovered an important plesiosaur fossil
- Fossils provide evidence that helps us learn about the past.
- Mary's discoveries:
- provided evidence about prehistoric animals;
- helped scientists learn more about life millions of years ago;
- helped people understand that the Earth had changed over a very long period of time;
- contributed to the developing science of palaeontology
- Mary Anning is remembered because her discoveries helped people to understand prehistoric life

Mary Anning

Millions
of years
ago...



1799

Mary Anning
is born

1824

Mary discovers a
Plesiosaurus
skeleton



1847

Mary Anning
dies

Today



Key Vocabulary

Palaeontologist A scientist who studies fossils and prehistoric life.

Scientist A person who studies the world and finds out how things work.

Society A group of people who live together and share a way of life.

Prehistoric From a very long time ago, before written records.

Discovery Finding something that was not known about before.

Jurassic Coast A stretch of coastline in southern England famous for its fossils and rocks.

Fossil The preserved remains or evidence of a plant or animal that lived long ago.

Extinct When there are no living members of a species left.

Reptile An animal such as a snake, lizard or turtle that has scales and is usually cold-blooded.

Dinosaur A group of reptiles that lived millions of years ago; dinosaurs are different from marine reptiles such as ichthyosaurs and plesiosaurs.

Lyme Regis A seaside town in Dorset where Mary Anning lived and searched for fossils.

Victorian Relating to the time when Queen Victoria was queen of Britain, from 1837 to 1901.

Evidence Information or objects that help us find out about the past.

Significant Important enough to be remembered

