

Key Stage 1 - Forest Academy
Knowledge organiser – Marvellous Monsters

Know how to...

- Use common words and phrases relating to the passing of time
- Talk about the lives of significant individuals from the past
- Identify similarities and differences between different ways of life

Mary Anning



Famous painting of the famous fossil hunter,
Mary Anning.

Key Vocabulary

archaeologist	A person whose job it is to find and study fossils and historic artefacts.
cliff	A steep rock face, especially at the edge of the sea.
English Channel	The sea channel separating southern England from northern France.
excavates	When earth is moved carefully to find remains.
fossil	Fossils are the remains or traces of plants and animals that lived long ago
Ichthyosaur	Large extinct marine reptiles
Jurassic period	The second of three geologic time periods of the Mesozoic Era
Lyme Regis	Town in west Dorset
Mary Anning	Was an English fossil collector, dealer, and palaeontologist
Mesozoic Era	A time of geological history about 252 to 66 million years ago
Pterosaur	Extinct flying reptile
plesiosaurus	Extinct marine reptile
palaeontology	Is the study of plants and animals that lived millions of years ago

Key Knowledge

- Mary Anning was an English fossil hunter. Mary spend many months uncovering the remains of ichthyosaur, a reptile that swam at the time dinosaurs lived.
- Mary made many discoveries, including a pterosaur and plesiosaurus.
- Mary discovered these fossils in the cliffs by a town called Lyme Regis, a town in west Dorset. She would search for her fossils in the winter months because during these months there were frequent landslides that would expose more fossils.
- Mary sold her fossils so that she had money to look after her family.

Mary Anning's discoveries



Ichthyosaurus



Pterodactylus



Plesiosaurus

Mary Anning timeline

