

In support of students and their Earth and Space Science learning, the following is a sequence of tasks and activities that could be carried out at home.

Objectives:

At the completion of this unit of work students will:

- Understand that weathering and erosion change the Earth's surface
- Be able to describe soils and how they develop over time
- Understand that fossils can provide us with evidence of change
- Be able to explain how floods and drought change the Earth's surface
- Be able to explain how human activity changes the Earth's surface

Focus	Activity/ies	WASP Support Resources
Weathering	Research	Biological weathering -
	weathering. What	https://www.wasp.edu.au/mod/resource/view.php?id=499
	are the different	Temperature weathering -
	types?	https://www.wasp.edu.au/mod/resource/view.php?id=501
	 Create a poster or 	
	video to explain	
	weathering	
	Research how paints	Paint made of rocks -
	and pigments can be	https://www.wasp.edu.au/mod/resource/view.php?id=613
	made from	
	weathered rock.	
	Make your own	
	paints What are 	
	 what are stalactites? How do 	Stalactites -
	they form? Can you	https://www.wasp.edu.au/mod/resource/view.php?id=497
	create your own?	
Erosion	Research erosion	Smaller & rounder -
	Find out what	https://www.wasp.edu.au/mod/resource/view.php?id=506
	happens to broken	(instead of plasticine you could use sugar cubes or bits of
	rock as it is moved	chalk)
	by wind or water	
	 What is biological 	Biological erosion -
	erosion?	https://www.wasp.edu.au/mod/resource/view.php?id=508
Soils	Research soils. What	Soil brainstorm -
	are they made up	https://www.wasp.edu.au/mod/resource/view.php?id=514
	of? How do they	
	form?	
	 Conduct a series of 	Soil colours -
	experiments to learn	https://www.wasp.edu.au/mod/resource/view.php?id=516
	more about soils	Humus in soil -
		https://www.wasp.edu.au/mod/resource/view.php?id=518



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Focus	Activity/ies	WASP Support Resources
Soils	 Using all the 	Design a garden bed -
continued	knowledge you have	https://www.wasp.edu.au/mod/resource/view.php?id=607
	gained about soils,	
	design a raised	
	garden bed	
Fossils	 Fossils help us to 	Fossil evidence of change -
	understand how an	https://www.wasp.edu.au/mod/resource/view.php?id=523
	area has changed	Fossils and climate -
	over time. Consider	https://www.wasp.edu.au/mod/resource/view.php?id=609
	the scenarios	
	provided to work	
	out the changes.	
	Create your own	
	fossil leaves.	
Floods and	Research how the	
Drought	Earth's surface is	
	changed by floods	
	 Explore what 	Loss of topsoil -
	happens to topsoil	https://www.wasp.edu.au/mod/resource/view.php?id=526
	during floods with a	
	simple experiment	
	 What happens to 	The effect of floodwater on plants -
	plants during a	https://www.wasp.edu.au/mod/resource/view.php?id=528
	flood? Investigate	
	with a simple	
	experiment	
	Research how the	
	Earth's surface is	
	changed by drought	Changes due to drought
	Conduct a simple	Changes due to drought -
	experiment to	https://www.wasp.edu.au/mod/resource/view.php?id=530
	demonstrate this	
	change	
Human	Think about how	
Activity	human activity	
	changes the Earth's	
	surface	
	Illustrate a cartoon	Man-made changes -
	about surface	https://www.wasp.edu.au/mod/resource/view.php?id=534
	changes in an area	Human landscapes -
	of Australia and	https://www.wasp.edu.au/mod/resource/view.php?id=611
	before/after pictures	
	for areas that have	
	experienced change	



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Landscape Change	 Investigate changes in your local area and make a poster 	Evidence of local landscape change - https://www.wasp.edu.au/mod/resource/view.php?id=531
	demonstrating these changes	