

Key Vocabulary

Underground- below the ground
Ground - the solid earth you walk on

Rocks- hard, natural, solid pieces of earth made from minerals

Soil- the earth's skin. A mix of tiny rocks, dead plants, animals, water and air.

Decomposition - things breaking down into smaller pieces

Fossil- a really old leftover from a plant or animal that lived long ago.

Roots- the underground part of a plant that drinks water.

Worms - long, soft, boneless creatures that crawl and live in dirt.

Burrow - an underground house or tunnel that animals dig to live in.

Habitat - a natural home for plants, animals and other living things.

Minibeasts - a nickname to describe all the little creatures in the world i.e., insects, arachnids.

Plants- living things that grow in soil or water, using sunlight, air and water to make their own

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Fun facts!

Population Density: One single teaspoon of healthy soil contains more microorganisms than there are people on earth.

The Wood Wide Web:

Underground fungal networks, called mycelium, connect trees in a forest. These networks allow trees to share nutrients and even send distress signals about pests or drought to one another.

Fungal Highways: In just one teaspoon of forest soil, there can be over **100 miles** (160 km) of microscopic fungal filaments.



We will learn:

- To explore what is beneath our feet.
- To understand different categories of what's under the ground.
- To understand the difference between man-made and natural objects underground
- To explore what interests us further.
- To write an information report about our chosen 'Beneath our feet' topic/interest.

