

Teaching links for The Story of Life

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English

- Historical fiction based on Earth millions of years ago
- Explanatory text – how animals have adapted over the years
- Recount of mass extinctions
- Write a fictional creation myth

Maths

- Using time lines and chronology
- Understanding large numbers

Science

- How living things have changed over time animal skeletons
- Rock types and fossilisation – looking at evidence
- Requirements for life and how they have changed over time
- Food chains and habitats.
- The classification of living things

History/Geography

- Early civilisations
- Hunter gatherers and early farmers
- Describe and understand mountains, rivers, volcanoes and earthquakes.

R.E./PSH

- Discuss scientific evidence versus faith based beliefs on how life started

Art/DT

- Drawing, painting and sculpture of animals in movement
- Draw a cartoon of how animals change as they evolve
- Create a model of the early earth.

IT/Computing

- Use the internet safely to research the evolution of a particular animal
- Use Scratch to create a short animation about evolution
- Use Desktop Publisher to produce an information leaflet on evolution

Music/Dance

- Create the sounds of early Earth with voices and body percussion
- Create a dance story reflecting the emergence of life, perhaps linking to 'The Rite of Spring' by Stravinsky.

Other books in this series widely available online

The Story of Life, The Story of Space, The Story of inventions, The Story of Climate Change (publishing Spring 2021)

