

Creech St Michael Primary School



Subject: Geography

Topic: 'How are Mountains, Volcanoes and Earthquakes formed?'

Year 5/6

Key knowledge and Understanding			
How are mountains formed?	Mountains are formed when the Earth's crust is pushed up in big folds or forced up and down in blocks. Mountains form over the course of millions of years. There are 5 types of mountains.	Block mountains Dome mountains Fold mountains Plateaus Volcanic mountains	
How are volcanoes formed?	1. Magma rises through cracks in the Earth's crust. 2. Pressure builds up inside the Earth. 3. Plates move and the pressure when released makes magma explode. 4. Lava from the eruption cools to form a new crust. 5. Over time, after several eruptions, the rock builds up to form a volcano.	Volcanic Ash Cloud Vent Crater Throat Side Vent Laya Flow Conduit pige Etranch Pige Layers of Laya and Ash Rock Layers VOLCANO	
What causes an earthquake?	1.The Earth's plates move and cause shaking and vibrations. Earthquakes happen on plate boundaries They happen when tension is released inside the crust. Plates move and sometimes get stuck. This forms pressure and earthquakes happen when it is released.	Epicentry Plate movement Focus Seismic waves	

Where: (significant places)		
Andes	4	The longest mountain range in the world located in South America
Himalayas		The highest mountain range in the world
Mauna Loa		The largest active volcano in the world located in Hawaii
Mount Everest		Earth's highest mountain above sea level, located in the Himalayas
Ring of Fire		A region around the rim of the Pacific Ocean where many volcanic eruptions and earthquakes occur
Mount Vesuvius	Moderal .	The world's most famous volcano erupted in AD 79 for 2 days burying the nearby city of Pompeii in volcanic ash

	What: (key vocab)	
active	active volcano a volcano that has had an	
volcano	eruption in the last 10,000 years,	
crater	roughly circular depression	
	in the ground caused by volcanic activity	
continent	a very large area of land that consists of many	
	countries. Europe is a continent.	
core	core the central part of the earth, beneath	
	the mantle	
crust	the Earth's crust is its outer layer	
earthquake	movements, fractures and vibrations in the	
	earth's crust as tectonic plates move	
eruption	the ejection of rock and gas from a volcano	
fault line	a long crack in the surface of the earth.	
	Earthquakes usually occur along fault lines	
lava	molten, fluid rock that is ejected from a	
	volcano and solidifies as it cools	
magma	molten rock that is formed in very hot	
	conditions inside the earth	
mantle	the part of the earth between the crust and	
	the core	
molten	heated to a very high temperature and has	
	become a hot, thick liquid	
peak	the highest point of a mountain, Also known	
	as a summit	
plate	where two tectonic plates meet	
boundary	how much force is acting over an area	
pressure	how much force is acting over an area	
pyroclastic	a deadly cloud of rock fragments and hot gas	
flow		
range	a range of mountains or hills is a line of them	
seismic	vibrating movement of the ground that	
wave	travels through the Earth layers	
summit	the highest point of a mountain, Also known	
	as a peak	
tectonic	a massive slab of rock that 'floats' on top of	
plate	the mantle (and inner layer) of the Earth a series of waves of water caused by the	
tsunami	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
wont	movement of tectonic plates the part of a volcano through which lava and	
vent		
volcano	gases erupt a vent in the earth's crust where lava, steam	
VUICAIIU	and ash is ejected during an eruption.	
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Geographical skills and enquiry

- Know the names of and locate the seven continents of the world.
- Locate key mountain ranges around the world
- Name the different types of mountains and know how they are formed
- Describe the layers of the earth using key vocabulary.
- Know how volcanoes are formed and label the different parts of a volcano.
- Know what causes an earthquake.
- Use maps, atlases, globes and digital/computer mapping