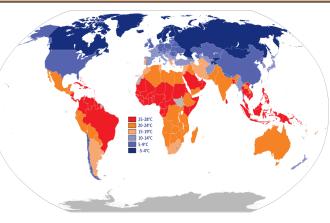
Year 3: Extreme Earth

What do we already know?

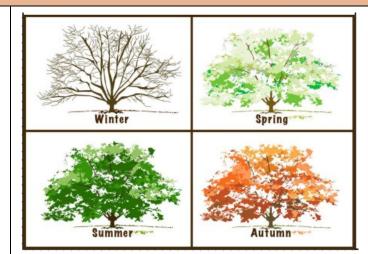
Geography



Weather - The day-to-day conditions of the atmosphere. Weather can change quickly - one day it can be dry and sunny and the next day it may rain.



Other places in the world have different weather patterns to the UK .

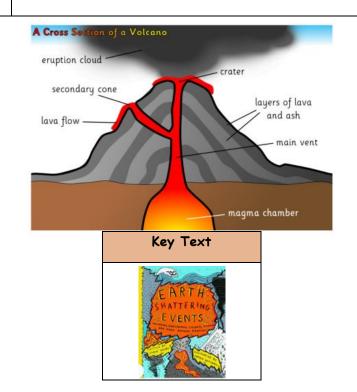


Seasons: The year is split into four parts according to the climate.

Extreme facts

- Weather is the state of the atmosphere around the Earth at any given time. This is affected by factors such as temperature, wind, air pressure and humidity.
- Mawsynram in India is reportedly the wettest place on Earth with an average rainfall of 11,873 mm of rain a
 year. Compare this to the wettest parts of the UK which get around 4,500 mm of rain a year!
- The driest place on Earth is the Atacama Desert in Chile. In 1971, it rained for the first time in 400 years!

 Tornado Alley in the USA is the place in the world that gets more tornadoes than anywhere else in the world. Hundreds of tornadoes happen there every year.
 Tropical storms in Pacific Ocean are called the typhoons, in the Atlantic Ocean are called hurricanes and in the Indian Ocean are called cyclones.
- The top part of the Earth is made up of a number of hard pieces called tectonic plates. Magma and
 volcances often form where the plates are pulled apart or pushed together but we also find some volcances
 in the middle of tectonic plates.
- Why earthquakes occur: The tectonic plates are constantly moving but sometimes they get stuck. When they get stuck, pressure builds up and the plates will suddenly move. This causes an earthquake! The link between earthquakes and Tsunamis.
- Advantages to living near volcanoes: volcanic rock and ash provide fertile land which results in a higher crop yield for farmers, tourists are attracted to the volcano, which increases money to the local economy, miherals are contained in lava, eg diamonds - these can be mined to make money.



Vocabulary

