

# **St White's Primary School - Geography**

Inner Core

Outer Core

Topic: Earthquakes and Volcanoes

crust

volcano

continental

impact



# What should I already know?

- Italy is in Europe. Pompeii is a Roman city buried under ash from a volcano.
- There are igneous, sedimentary and metamorphic rocks.
- · There is physical and human geography
- The names/locations of the seven continents Africa, South America, North America, Europe, Asia, Oceania, Antarctica

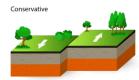
# Ring of Fire

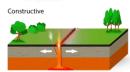
The Ring of Fire is a 25,000 mile line of volcanoes, tremors and earthquakes. The Ring of Fire contains 75% of the world's volcanoes.

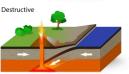
The Ring of Fire contains 90% of the world's earthquakes. The Ring of Fire is around the

edge of the Pacific Ocean. The Mariana Trench is the deepest known trench in the ocean. Challenger Deep is the deepest known part of the ocean.

### PLATE MOVEMENT



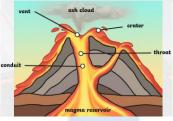




## **Earthquakes**

- An earthquake is a sudden violent shaking of the ground, typically causing great destruction.
- Earthquakes usually occur on the edges of large sections of the Earth's crust called tectonic plates. They happen when two plates suddenly slip and a fault occurs. A fault it a crack or fracture in the Earth's surface.
- Earthquakes can cause huge waves in the ocean called tsunamis.
- Scientists use seismic waves to measure how big an earthquake is.
- They use a device called a seismograph to measure the size of the waves/magnitude. The magnitude is measured using the Richter Scale.
- The largest earthquake ever recorded in the world was in Chile in 1960. It measured a 9.6 on the Richter Scale

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Values	
Challenge	What challenges do earthquakes and volcanoes pose?
Commit	Why do we commit to living on faults?
Conquer	How do humans conquer earthquakes?
Celebrate	Is there anything to be celebrated about volcanoes?

# Mauna Loa in Hawaii is the largest active volcano.



## Tectonic plates

- The plates move 1-10cm each year.
- Alfred Wegener These continents look like they "fit" together. They also have similar rock patterns and fossil records. These two pieces of evidence led me to believe that there was once a single land mass. This is my TECTONIC THEORY.

# ConstructiveDestructiveConservativeSmall earthquakes and<br/>shield volcanoesBig earthquakes and<br/>big volcanoesBig<br/>earthquakes

# Technical vocabulary the outer layer of Earth. It is about 18 miles thick. It is the part we live

mantle Underneath the plates is thick, soft, hot flowing rock (magma) called the mantle.

core The inner layer of the Earth.

plate Earth's outer layer is made up of large, moving pieces called plates. tectonics All of Earth's land and water sit on these plates. The plates are made

of solid rock.

Pangaea Scientists believe that 220 million years ago, today's continents may have all been joined together as one supercontinent called Pangaea.

convection Convection Currents in the mantle mean that the crust moves. currents

magma Hot fluid or semi-fluid material below or within the earth's crust from which lava and other igneous rock is formed on cooling.

mountain.

fault A fault it a crack or fracture in the Earth's surface
earthquake A sudden violent shaking of the ground, typically causing great

An opening in the Earth's crust from which lava, ash, and hot gases

flow or are ejected during an eruption. Usually a cone shaped

destruction, as a result of movements within the earth's crust or

The hypothesis that the continents have moved over time relative to

ring of fire the regions of mountain-building earthquakes and volcanoes which surround the Pacific Ocean. Over half of the world's volcanoes arise in the Ring of Fire.

drift each other.

friction the resistance created when one surface rubs against another.

Richter scale A scale used to measure the size of an earthquake

Mercalli scale A scale based on what people see and feel during an earthquake

tsunami Series of waves generated from an underwater earthquake

Types of volcanoes

# • Active - eruptions can be anytime and often.

Dormant - has been a while since it has erupted, but could at anytime.

volcanic action.

• Extinct, meaning it hasn't erupted in a very long, long time so it probably won't ever again.

Having an effect on something