

Year 8 Keywords: Autumn 2

Geography

Restless Earth

Introduction to the topic: We will continue our investigation of plate tectonics by exploring the causes and effects of tectonic hazards and how people cope with these events.

We will be learning about the causes and effects of earthquakes and volcanic eruptions.

Keyword	Definition
Earthquake	A sudden, violent shaking of the ground.
Focus	The point under the earth where the earthquake starts.
Epicentre	The point directly above the Focus, at the Earth's surface.
Volcano	A vent on the Earth's crust which releases lava, rock fragments, hot vapour and gases.
Composite	A cone-shaped volcano made of many layers.
Shield	A broad volcano with gently sloping sides.
Hazard	A hazard is a potential threat to human life and property caused by an event.
Management	The ways that people cope with the effects of natural hazards such as earthquakes and volcanoes.