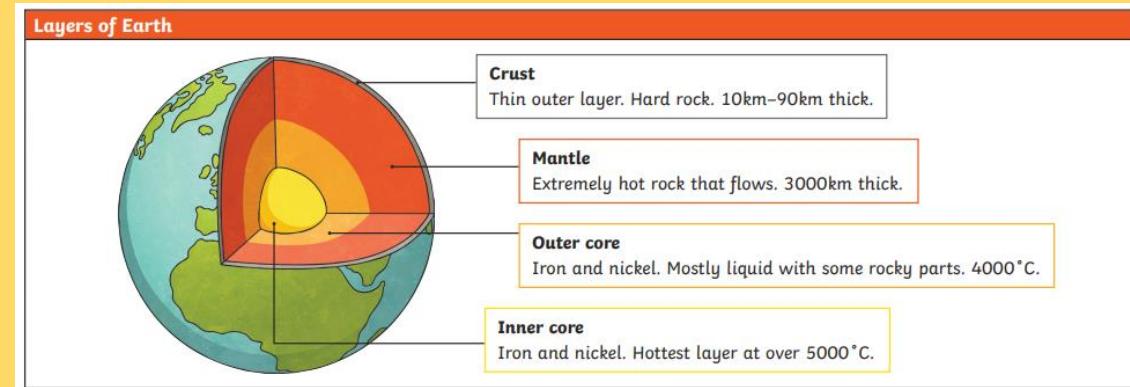


How do natural disasters change the Earth?

<u>Key vocabulary</u>	<u>Definition</u>
erupt	To suddenly burst out causing lava to explode
fossils	The remains of plants or animals that lived a long time ago which can be found deep in the earth.
magma	Extremely hot, liquid rock
Earth's crust	The thin outer layer of hard rock that covers the Earth
tectonic plates	The earth's crust is made up of large areas called tectonic plates that join together



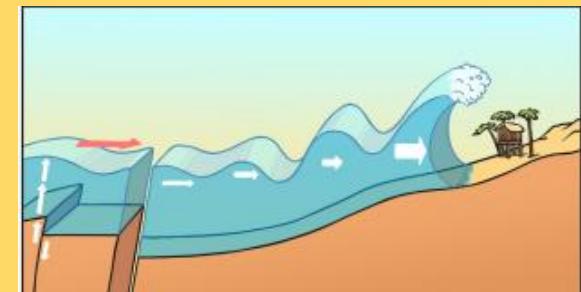
Volcanoes

Volcanoes are made when pressure builds up inside the earth. This affects the earth's crust causing magma to sometimes erupt through



Tsunamis

A tsunami is a giant wave caused by a huge earthquake under the ocean.



Tornadoes

A tornado is a swirling funnel of air that forms when warm air rises from near the ground into big cumulonimbus clouds.



Earthquakes

Earthquakes are caused when the earth's tectonic plates suddenly move. Most earthquakes occur near the tectonic plate boundaries.

