



# Mickleover Primary School – Geography Knowledge Organiser

**Title: Natural Disasters – What are they and why do they occur?**

Physical Geography- the impact of natural disasters

Year Group: 6  
Summer term 2

## KEY INFORMATION

A natural disaster is an event caused by nature, such as: floods, volcanic eruptions, tropical storms, tornados, landslides, wildfires and many more. These events cause lots of damage to the communities and locations where they occur. This damage is often to people's homes, and therefore they cost countries lots of money to rebuild and repair after an event. Often, a natural disaster will result in people dying.



## Vocabulary you will know...

<b>Hurricane</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>strong rotating winds that form over warm water.</li> </ul>
<b>Tornado</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>strong rotating winds that form over land</li> </ul>
<b>Earthquake</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a violent shaking of the earth –</li> </ul>
<b>Volcano</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a mountain that erupts lava</li> </ul>
<b>Tsunami</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a large, powerful wave</li> </ul>
<b>Tectonic Plates</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>layers of earth which move and make up the earth's surface</li> </ul>



## Geographical skills and Fieldwork

- To describe and understand key aspects of physical geography (such as, hurricanes, tornados, earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, and floods).
- To develop our use of geographical knowledge, understanding and skills to enhance our locational and place knowledge.

## What will I be able to do by the end of the unit.....?

- Name some recent natural disasters.
- Explain why certain natural disasters occur
- Explain the impact that a natural disaster can have on both human and physical environment both.