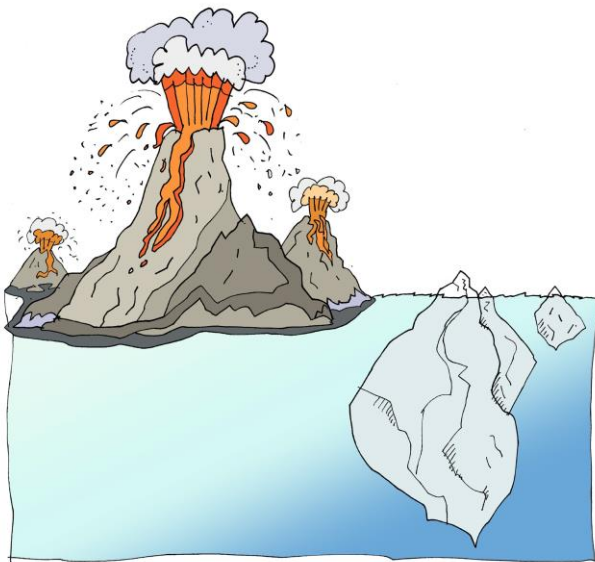


Year 3 English 2nd June, The Stone Trolls- background information

Task one: Read through the background information for the story of the Stone Trolls which you will read tomorrow

Introduction: Background information to the story

There are many tales about the legendary troll that have been told and retold for centuries. Trolls are often thought to be very large, ugly creatures, like giants or ogres, that live in the mountains and are dangerous to human beings. But are all trolls like this? On a trip to a country called Iceland, I found some great stories about Icelandic trolls. I discovered that there are some terrible trolls but there are also some that are peaceful, friendly and helpful.



Where is Iceland?

Iceland is an island in the very north of the Atlantic Ocean just below the Arctic Circle, between Canada and Norway. It has many large mountains, live volcanoes, amazing waterfalls and beaches made of black sand from volcanic lava. It also has lots and lots of glaciers and ice, plus masses of moss but very few trees!



In Iceland, stories about trolls have been told to explain some of the many interesting rock shapes that can be found all over the island.



The story in this pack has been inspired by a traditional Icelandic folktale. The names have been simplified to make it easier for you to read because the Icelandic alphabet is a bit different from ours. The story explains how some amazing rocks called 'sea stacks' were created. This story has been told many, many times over the years.

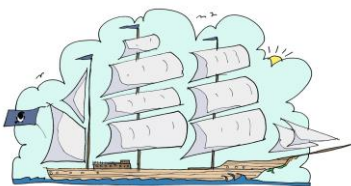
Before we read the story, let's make sure we know some of the technical words.

Glossary

volcano: a mountain, usually shaped like a cone, with a large hole in the middle (called a crater), where hot, molten rock (called magma) and hot gas from the centre of the Earth erupts. Volcanoes can cause terrible destruction.

cave: a hole in rocks or mountains big enough for a person (or a troll!) to go into.

three-masted ship: large sailing ship powered by the wind with three masts for the many sails.



Task 2: Find out more about volcanos



Further Background Information on Volcanoes from BBC Bitesize. Type in the link below to learn more:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z849q6f/articles/zd9cxyc>