

Earth Art

Today we will be...

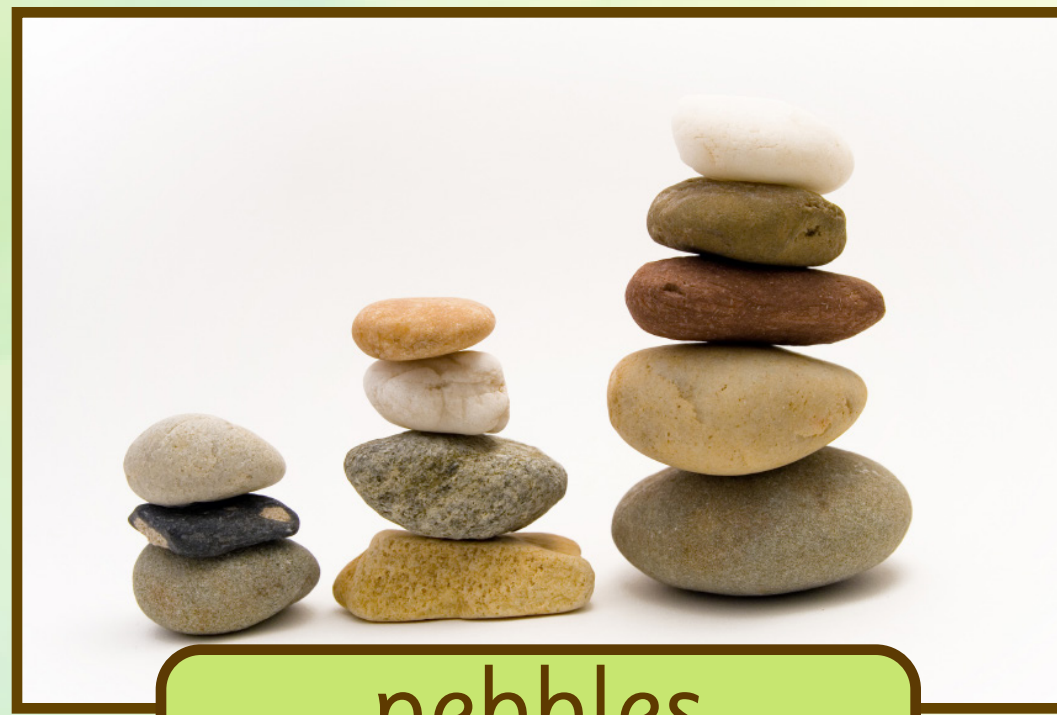
Exploring ways of painting on
rocks.



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Where
do you see
rocks in
nature?

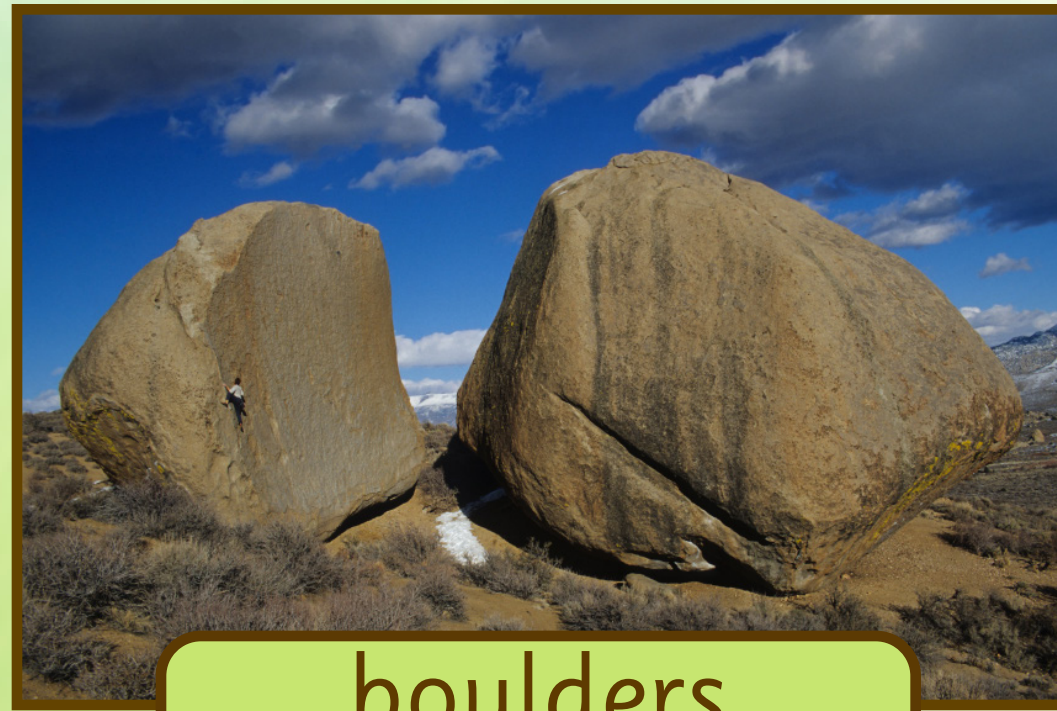




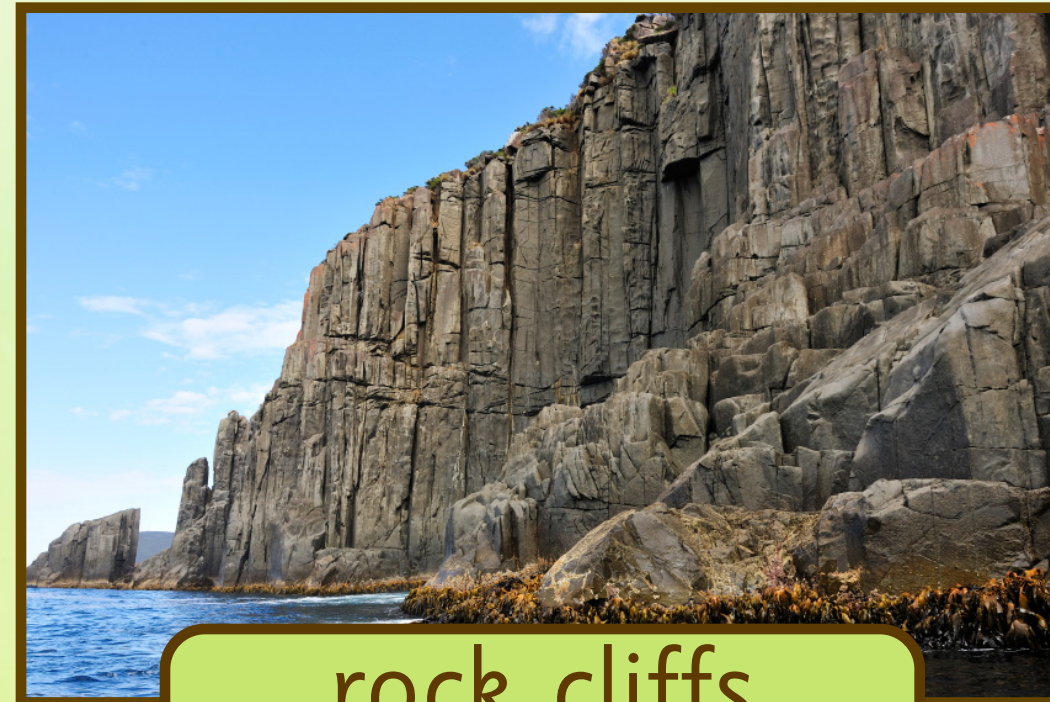
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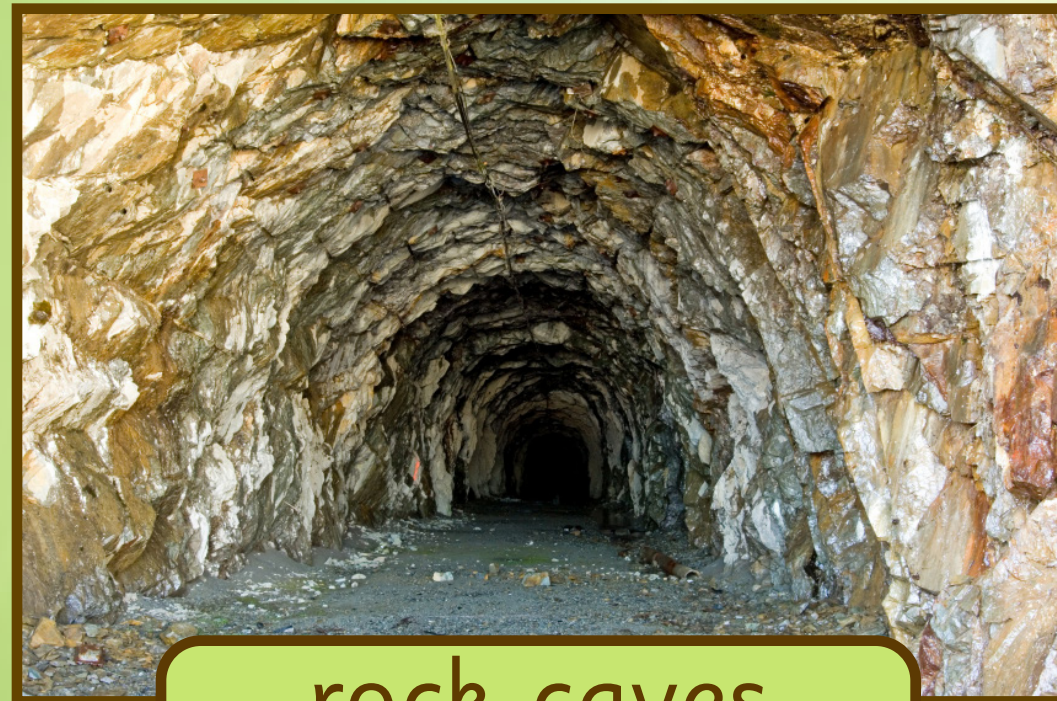
stones



boulders



rock cliffs



rock caves



mountains

We can find
different kinds of rock
in nature.



Have
you seen these
rocks?

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Indigenous people, such as the native Americans and the aborigines in Australia, painted on rock walls in caves.



What do you think they painted?



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They painted images on the walls of caves to tell stories or to record major events. They didn't have paper and pencils to do this. These paintings are called **pictographs**.





The ancient tribes crushed natural minerals (charcoal, bones, ochre and calcite) to make a powder. Then they added egg yolk, blood, urine, animal fat or water to the powder to make a coloured paste.

This became their paint to use on the rock walls.



Look at these cave paintings. What can you see?





We can paint
on rocks much more
easily today, using
pre-made paint.

We can paint patterns and pictures
onto stones and pebbles from our
garden.



We can also paint on rocks to make pet rocks!





When we paint
on rocks, we need to wait
for the first layer of paint to
dry before we add the extra
designs.



This rock has been made into a
fish. The pink paint was
painted first and left to dry
before the scales were added.





This is a butterfly. Its antennae were made with pipe-cleaners.



This is a giraffe. Its neck and tail were made with bendable straws. The straws were bent and then painted.

We can also add pipe cleaners, straws, glitter and stick-on eyes to the rocks once they have dried.



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This
girl is
painting rocks.
What is she
using?



Can you make your
own pet rock
today? What type
of animal or
pattern might you
paint?



Plenary

Apart from rocks, can you think of other materials in nature you could use to make a pet?



Think, pair, share

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