

## Stalactites and stalagmites

Our 1st graders built their “Time Machine”.



Thanks to this machine they will be able to travel through time. This time they travelled to the past, to **Prehistory**, because they wanted to learn about the **Early humans**.

They have learnt about the tools they used, their diet, the “clothes” they wore, that fire was one of their most important invention, that they were great artists, and that they lived in **caves**.

Our pupils did a field trip to visit one of those caves, called “**Ekainberri**” in Zestoa. “Ekainberri” is the replica of the “**Ekain Cave**”. Ekain was declared **World Heritage of Humanity in 2008 by UNESCO**.



**(Petteri went with them and he had a wonderful time! Can you find him?)**

1st graders built a cave in their classroom recreating the cave paintings Early humans created.



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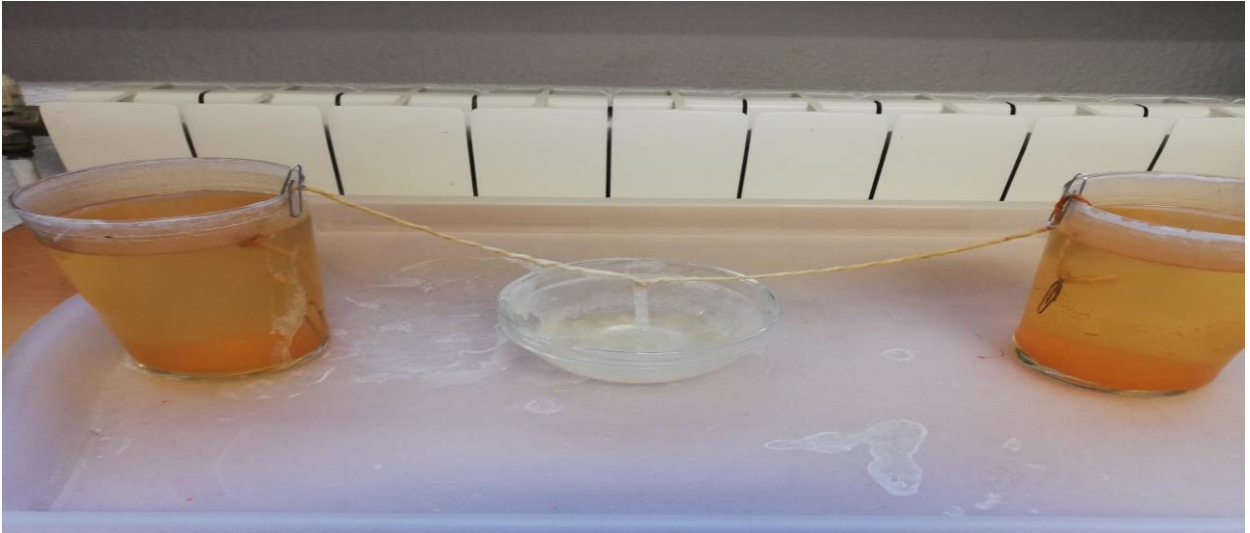




And **recreated** the **stalactites** we can find in caves. **Stalactites** are formations that look like icicles and grow down from the ceiling of a cave. They form over time when **water** slowly drips from cracks in the ceiling. There are minerals (calcite) dissolved in the water that build up over time as the water drips, forming stalactites and stalagmites. This process is called precipitation.



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