

Unit Planner Geography Year: 5 Title: Rivers

Unit Overview	A river is a flowing stream of water that leads to the sea, a lake or another river. The water is usually fresh, and rivers tend to begin as small str		
	the further they flow.		
Prior Learning/ Links	year 1 – identifying physical features of the local area		
	year 2 – comparing London to Mombasa and identifying their physical features		
	year 3 – Droylsden detectives – looking at people settling around the river Tame, Rainforests - Amazon year 4 – Llandudno (bodies of water in the UK), states of matter – water cycle, Ancient Egypt – River Nile		
Unit Title:	Substantive Knowledge	Disciplinary Knowledge	
Key Questions:	To know a river is a stream of water that flows into the sea.	Investigating places:	
	 Children will know famous rivers and where they are: 	- Locations	
How are rivers formed?	-The Ganges – India & Bangladesh	- Physical features	
	-The Yangtze – China	- Human features	
Why are rivers	-The Mississipi – Missouri (USA)	To explain why settlements have developed over time and the importance rivers have	
important to	-The Yenisei – (Russia)	played in this.	
settlements?	 Children will recognise rivers are an important part of the water cycle: They will be able to describe this. 	To locate key rivers of the world and discuss their importance.	
What is the water cycle? How is the water cycle linked to rivers?		Investigating patterns: - Physical processes - Human processes To describe the features of rivers and how they are formed over time using correct terminology. To explain how water and weather can change the landscape of places. To make predictions about how human activity may impact the land in the future. To explain where our foods come from and the impact this can have on the environment. Geographical skills and fieldwork To be able to investigate features of a map using 6 figure grid references. To use OS symbols to identify features on a map and hypothesise why those features may be where they are. To collect information whilst on field trips to use and analyse for presentations.	
		Communicating Geographically	
		To present in details using maps, diagrams and graphs.	



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		To present information to a particular audience, ensuring key geographical vocabulary
		and facts are used.
Vocabulary	Trips/ Visits/Useful Websites/ Resources	Key Misconceptions:
Substantive:	https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/zyt9q6f/revision/4	Rivers start at the sea.
biome		Making links between the water cycle and rivers
climate		
confluence		
course		
current		
delta		
deposition		
erosion		
estuary		
lake		
meander		
mouth		
ocean		
pollution		
sedimentary		
source		
stream		
tributary		
water cycle		
water fall		
Disciplinary:		
identify		
explain		
locate		
describe		
symbols		
mapping		