



St Paul's C of E Primary School – Knowledge Organiser

Name of Topic

What is a River?

Year Group

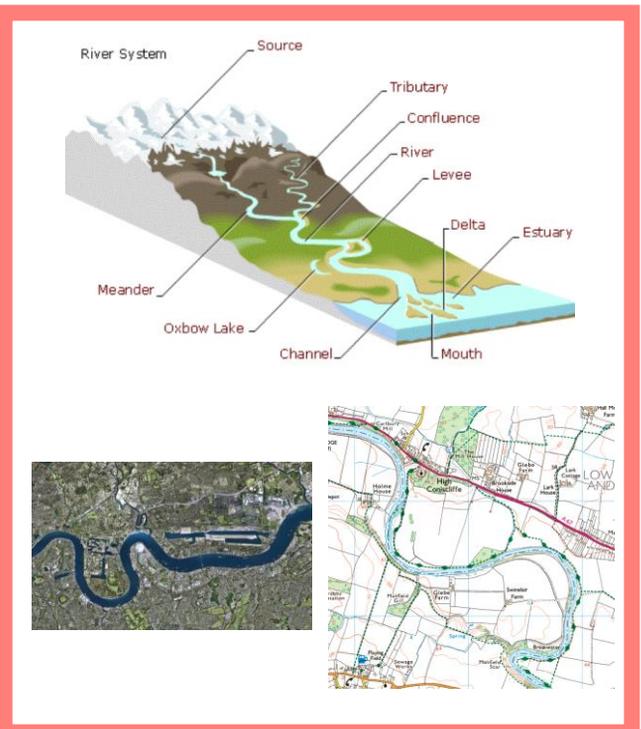
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Key Vocabulary and Spellings

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| 1 | estuary | The mouth of the river, where freshwater meets salt water |
| 2 | meander | A bend in a river |
| 3 | deposition | When rocks or soil are carried from one location and placed in another, usually by water or wind. |
| 4 | erosion | Natural features worn down by wind, water or rocks. |
| 5 | ox-bow lake | When a meander gets cut off due to erosion, creating a lake. |
| 6 | flood plain | Area of fertile, flat land next to a river |
| 7 | confluence | Where two rivers join to become one channel. |
| 8 | waterfall | When soft rock is eroded under hard rock, making a vertical drop for a river to flow over. |
| 9 | delta | Wetlands that form as rivers slow down and empty into another water body. |
| 10 | source | The beginning of the river. |

Top 5 Topic Facts

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| 1 | The River Nile is the longest river in the world, measuring 6650km. |
| 2 | The River Severn is the longest river in the UK, measuring 354km. |
| 3 | The River Gade starts in the Chiltern Hills and empties into the River Colne, which is a tributary of the River Thames. |
| 4 | The River Amazon is the largest river, by volume, and it has over 3000 known fish species in it. |
| 5 | The Ganges is believed to be one of the most polluted rivers in the world. |



Key Investigations/Questions

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| 1 | What are the key features of a river from source to mouth? |
| 2 | What are the characteristics of the longest rivers in the world and in the UK? |
| 3 | What can I learn about a local river by visiting it to carry out field work? |