



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

Name of Topic

What is a River?

Year Group

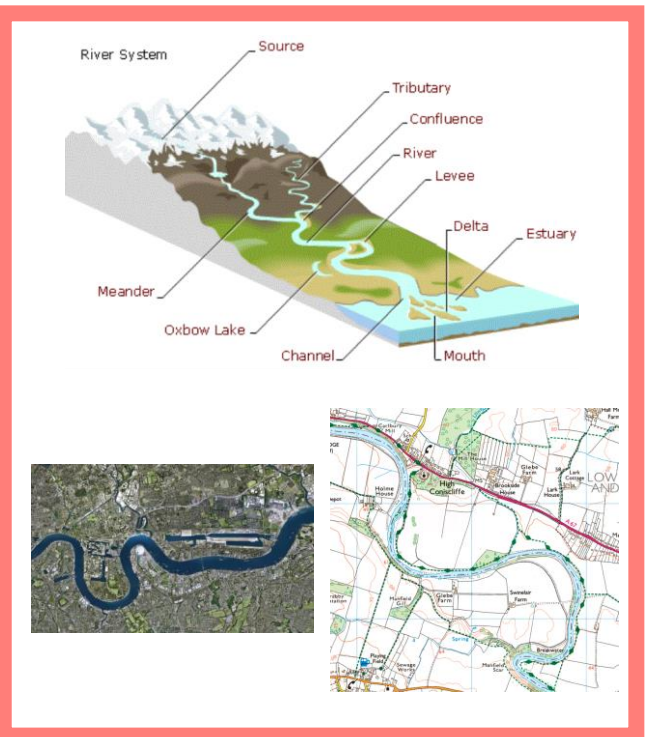
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Key Vocabulary and Spellings

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

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

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?