

# Term 1 Unit Overview: LKS2 Geography Rivers

### **National Curriculum Objectives**

- Name and locate countries and cities of the United Kingdom, identifying human and physical characteristics including hills, mountains, rivers and seas, and how a place has changed.
- Begin to develop the skills of comparing regions, by focusing on specific features.
- Understand geographical similarities and differences through the study of physical geography of a region of the United Kingdom.
- Explore similarities and differences comparing the physical geography of a region of the UK and a region of South America (Amazon River).

### By the end of this topic: Children should know:

- That rivers are physical geographical features, and they can be identified on different types of maps.
- That many important towns are built on rivers and that rivers are useful to humans.
- ♦ How rivers are formed and how the journey of a river.

### Children should be able to:

Describe the water cycle, explain what a river is and locate the world's longest rivers on a map. Describe how rivers are used around the world Identify the stages and features of a river, and the way that land use changes from the source to the mouth. Recognise and explain how human activity affects rivers & recognise and explain how flooding affects communities. Identify the key characteristics of one of the world's longest rivers.

### Weekly challenge "Thinking like a Geographer"

Map Monday: Identify the River Nile on a world mop.

Topic Tuesday: What is the purpose of the Thames Barrier in London? What if Wednesday: Consider why there are so many buildings in the centre of London.

Travel Thursday: Can you name the capital city in which the River Vltava flows through?

### Substantive knowledge

- I explain what a river is and locate the world's longest rivers on a map.
- I can describe how rivers are used around the world.
- I can identify the stages and features of a river, and the way that land use changes from the source to the mouth.
- I can recognise and explain how human activity affects rivers.
- I can recognise and explain how flooding affects communities.
- ❖ I can identify the key characteristics of one of the world's longest rivers.

#### Support

Children will know that rivers are physical geographical features and that they can be identified on different types of maps.

Children will know that many important towns are built on rivers and that rivers are useful to humans.

### Extend

Children will understand the risks of living near rivers and be able to explain some of the causes of flooding. They will be able to relate this to physical features on a map e.g., plains.

### Disciplinary knowledge

- Use different types of maps (aerial and atlas) to explore the different features of a river.
- Explore how and why rivers are used around the world.

# Vocabulary Locational terms Geographical terms

## ❖ Altitude❖ Confluence❖ Estuary❖ Flood plain

- Upper course

course

### Place names

- Egypt
- Ethiopia
- South Sudan
- Sudan
- Uganda
- United States of America
- Bangledesh

### Phonics focus

Condensation (tion) / evaporation (tion) / precipitation (tion) Cycle (i) Egypt (i) confluence (oo)

tributary

### **Key Geographers**

Captain Meriwether John Powell William Clark Montgomery Pike Anthony Nau

#### Fieldwork

- Use the schools and its grounds as a site for studying aspects of physical and human geography by investigating questions such as 'Where does the water go when it rains?'
- Make models, annotated drawings and field sketches to record observations at the local stream.



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Find out Friday: Can you name all 7 continents of the world?  Map skills  Use a wide range of maps: Digimap, atlases, globes and Google Maps.  Locate and identify the world's principal rivers on a world map.	<ul> <li>Consider how the land use changed from the source of the river to the mouth.</li> <li>Investigate the how dams can be seen to have positive and negative impacts.</li> <li>Consider how flooding can affect communities and how communities can prepare for flooding.</li> </ul>	Deeper thinking. What if  ❖ What if all rivers flowed underground?  ❖ What if rivers were the only way to get about?
<ul> <li>Use maps at more than one scale.</li> </ul>	♦ What if we didn't clean our wastewater?	
• Recognise that contours show height and slope, identifying rivers at different heights and surrounding physical		
features.		
Link features on maps to photos and aerial views.		
Use a street map of the local area to identify the route to the river,		
British Values	School Values:	
Rule of Law: Children have opportunities to discuss why rules and		
laws are needed and the impact they have on us as citizens.	Respect: Showing respect for our environment and being proactive in taking care of it. Children can consider how we can	
Children will look at sustainability	look after our planet through careful use of water usage.	
Mutual Respect for and tolerance of those with different faiths and	Courses Children feel that they have great influ	vance in the future world enabling them to feel that the changes they make
<b>beliefs:</b> Pupils will look at similarities and differences between their lives and others around the world. They will explore how humans	<u>Courage:</u> Children feel that they have great influence in the future world enabling them to feel that the changes they make can support the planet positively.	
use rivers, considering how we use rivers in this country compared	can support the planet positively.	
to a village in Zambia.	<b>Trust:</b> Having faith in ourselves that we can each play a part in building a brighter future, considering the impact of our	
Democracy: Our geography units encourage pupils to think about	actions on the environment.	
how they can be active citizens and think about how they can		
implement current and future change.		
❖ Individual liberty: Pupils consider how the actions we take as		
citizens can impact our own community. Throughout the term,		
children will discuss how we can live responsibly and ensure we are		
not wasting water.	Cuided Deeding conservation	Doubling account
<u>Case studies / examples</u>	Guided Reading opportunities	Reading support





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<ul> <li>Tewkesbury flooding</li> <li>Cirencester flooding</li> <li>Bangladesh flooding</li> <li>Three Gorges Dam</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Fact-file The River Nile</li><li>Fact file: Three Gorges Dam</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Rivers word mat</li> <li>Phonics teaching of key vocabulary</li> <li>Vocabulary game</li> <li>Word ban game</li> <li>Writing frames</li> <li>Videos and photographic examples</li> </ul>
Prior learning Key Stage 1 Locational knowledge:	<ul> <li>Key questions</li> <li>What are the key features of a river?</li> <li>How is an oxbow lake formed?</li> <li>What is the process of the water cycle?</li> <li>How are rivers used?</li> <li>What factors cause a river to flood?</li> <li>What is the process of treating water?</li> <li>How can you reduce water pollution?</li> <li>What can we do to prevent flooding?</li> <li>How can we help to improve the future of our planet?</li> <li>Can you name rivers from around the world and give key facts about them?</li> </ul>	Future learning  Key Stage 3:  Locational knowledge:  ◆ Extend their locational knowledge and deepen their spatial awareness of the world's countries using maps of the world.  Place knowledge:  ◆ Understand geographical similarities, differences and links between places through the study of human and physical geography.  Human and physical geography:  ◆ Physical geography: geological timescales and plate tectonics; rocks, weathering and soils; weather and climate, the change in climate from the Ice Age to the present; and glaciation, hydrology and coasts.  ◆ Human geography: population and urbanisation; international development; economic activity in the primary, secondary, tertiary and quaternary sectors; and the use of natural resources.  Geographical skills and fieldwork:  ◆ Build on their knowledge of globes, maps and atlases and apply and develop this knowledge routinely in the classroom and in the field.  ◆ Interpret OS maps, use grid references and scale, topographical and other thematic mapping, and aerial and satellite photographs.  ◆ Use GIS to view, analyse and interpret places and data.