

Enquiry: What is a river?

What the pupils will know

- How the course of a typical river changes from source to mouth and the physical features it creates
- Why these physical features are formed
- How to collect data at various points along a stream to show graphically how the river changes
- How to create a simple cross section across the river at each of these points
- What an estuary is
- The main physical and human uses of estuaries
- Why estuaries are such an important habitat and ecosystem for wildlife
- What the water cycle is
- How rivers play such an important part in the water cycle
- Where the famous meander 'Isle of Dogs' is located along the River Thames
- How and why the land uses and economic activities of the Isle of Dogs has changed since the time of Henry VIII
- Why the port and docks of London declined and closed very quickly in the 1950s and 1960s
- Where in the world Bangladesh is located and the rivers that flow through it
- Why Bangladesh suffers from serious annual flooding from its rivers
- What is being done in Bangladesh to control river flooding

National Curriculum Coverage

Locational knowledge

 name and locate countries and cities of the United Kingdom, geographical regions and their identifying human and physical characteristics, key topographical features (including hills, mountains, coasts and rivers), and land-use patterns; and understand how some of these aspects have changed over time

Human and physical geography

Describe and understand key aspects of:

- physical geography, including rivers and the water cycle
- human geography, including types of settlement and land use, economic activity including trade links

Geographical skills and fieldwork

- use maps, atlases, globes and digital/computer mapping to locate countries and describe features studied
- use the eight points of a compass, four and six-figure grid references, symbols and key (including the use of Ordnance Survey maps) to build their knowledge of the United Kingdom and the wider world
- use fieldwork to observe, measure, record and present the human and physical features in the local area using a range of methods, including sketch maps, plans and graphs, and digital technologies.

Geographical techniques the pupils will learn and apply

Fieldwork

Observing, recording, presenting and interpreting data from five measurements at different stages along a large stream – bank width, water width, bank height above water line, depth and velocity

Statistical representation:

Drawing and interpreting: line graphs, multiple line graphs, bar graphs and histograms

Mapworl

Interpreting OS 1:25,000 *Landranger* maps using the key, eight points of the compass, four and six figure grid references, measuring straight line and actual distances using the scale line and constructing contour cross sections

Imager

Terrestrial, aerial and satellite photographs (orientating with OS map locations) and GIS Google Earth Pro (plotting and following course of river)

Disciplinary subject skills the pupils will use to understand what they know

Synthesise	Bring together a range of ideas and facts from different sources to develop an argument or explanation for something.
Explain	Demonstrate understanding and comprehension of how or why something is the way it is as a result of synthesising information.
Empathise	The capacity to place oneself impartially in another's position to better understand their motives, decisions and actions (even if they are not shared values).
Informed	A knowledgeable summing up of the main points or issues
conclusion	about something.
Reasoned	A personal view or opinion about something supported by
judgement	factual evidence.
Justify	Give reasons to show or prove what you feel to be right or reasonable.
Apply	The transfer of knowledge and/or skills learned in one context to help make sense of a different situation
Evaluate	Weigh up and judge the relative importance of something in relation to counter ideas and arguments.
Critique	Review and examine something critically particularly to gain an awareness of its limitations and reliability as evidence
Hypothesise	Come up with an idea, question or theory that can be investigated to see whether it has any validity or truth.

SEND

In line with our school policy, we ensure inclusion through constructing enquiries which are graduated in 'bite size' steps allowing for the setting of personalised targets, a broad range of learning and teaching strategies including questioning, working with additional adults where appropriate and a holistic approach to assessing achievement.

End Points of Learning

Pupils making a good level of progress will:

- **Identify, describe and explain** how the course of a typical river changes from source to mouth and the physical features it creates
- Explain the physical processes that cause these physical features
- Through fieldwork observe, record, present data graphically and reach a conclusion regarding how a stream or river changes along its course
- **Draw and explain** a simple cross section across the river at various points
- Make an **informed judgement** about what the cross sections reveal
- Describe and explain what an estuary is
- Identify, describe and explain the main physical and human uses of estuaries
- **Explain** why estuaries are such an important habitat and ecosystem for wildlife
- **Describe and explain** what the water cycle is
- **Reach a judgement** about the importance that rivers play in the water cycle
- Locate, describe and explain where the famous meander 'Isle of Dogs' is located along the River Thames
- Identify, describe, explain and arrive at a conclusion regarding how and why
 the land uses and economic activities of the Isle of Dogs has changed since
 the time of Henry VIII
- Evaluate a range of evidence to reach a judgement as to why the port and docks of London declined and closed very quickly in the 1950s and 1960s
- Locate and describe where in the world Bangladesh is located and the rivers that flow through it
- Explain why Bangladesh suffers from serious annual flooding from its rivers
- Evaluate what is being done in Bangladesh to control river flooding and explain which methods might prove most successful and justify their views

Pupils working at greater depth will also:

- **Demonstrate understanding** of how the ways in which people interact with physical processes such as rivers can have costs and benefits
- Comprehend how and why estuaries are particularly vulnerable to the impacts of pollution given their joint economic and ecological importance

Prior Learning

Earlier in Key Stage 1 and Lower Key Stage 2 pupils learned:

- How physical processes such as volcanoes and earthquakes impact on people
- The difference between physical and human processes and features
- What different land uses are and what economic activity involves
- About trade and how countries import and export goods and services
- How habitats and ecosystems around the world are vulnerable to pollution
- How environments change including those in their own locality
 About the river Amazon when studying Tropical Rain Forest
- About life in the river village of Kampong Ayer in Borneo
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- About the concept of a geographical hazard