

KS2 Medium-Term Plan – Rivers

This six-week medium-term plan provides you with a framework for progression, including: learning objectives, suggested Oddizzi resources, and clear links to the National Curriculum to help you with your topic planning. More online and offline resources, **including a lesson-by-lesson PowerPoint**, are available on the Rivers Topic Planning page.

Direct links to online content, films, quizzes and downloadable activities can be found in Teachers → Topic Planning → Rivers

| Learning Objectives | Resources within Oddizzi | Curriculum Links |
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| <p>Describe the water cycle, explain what a river is and locate the world's longest rivers on a map.</p> | <p>Film: Take a flight over the Mississippi Online Pages: 1. The water cycle 2. What is a river? KS2 Activity: 1. What is a river? 2. The Water Cycle Map Resource: World Rivers Atlas Activity: Rivers Quiz: Rivers</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - describe and understand key aspects of physical geography, including: rivers and the water cycle - <i>use maps, atlases, globes and digital/computer mapping to locate countries and describe features studied</i> describe and understand key aspects of human geography, including: types of settlement and land use, economic activity including trade links, and the distribution of natural resources including energy, food, minerals and water |
| <p>Describe how rivers are used around the world.</p> | <p>Film: Why are rivers so important to communities? Online Page: Uses of a river KS2 Activities: 1. How do people use rivers? 2. Uses of a River 3. River detective</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - describe and understand key aspects of physical geography, including: rivers and the water cycle - describe and understand key aspects of human geography, including: types of settlement and land use, economic activity including trade links, and the distribution of natural resources including energy, food, minerals and water |
| <p>Identify the stages and features of a river, and the way that land use changes from the source to the mouth. Extended writing opportunity: Write a narrative from the perspective of a water droplet travelling down a river.</p> | <p>Film: Take a flight down the River Thames Online Page: Stages and features KS2 Activities: 1. Big Idea - Stages and Features of Rivers 2. Features of a River 3. River Water Personification Map Resource: Ten of the UK's Longest Rivers Word Mat: Rivers</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - describe and understand key aspects of physical geography, including: rivers and the water cycle - describe and understand key aspects of human geography, including: types of settlement and land use, economic activity including trade links - name and locate key topographical features of the UK (including rivers) and land-use patterns - <i>use maps, atlases, globes and digital/computer mapping to locate countries and describe features studied</i> |
| <p>Recognise and explain how human activity affects rivers. Suggested activity: Make a dam using different materials.</p> | <p>Online Pages: 1. Human features 2. River pollution KS2 Activity: Big dam alley Word Mat: Rivers</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - describe and understand key aspects of physical geography, including: rivers and the water cycle - describe and understand key aspects of human geography, including: types of settlement and land use, economic activity including trade links, and the distribution of natural resources including energy, food, minerals and water |
| <p>Recognise and explain how flooding affects communities. Extended writing opportunity: Write a preparation and survival guide for potential flood victims.</p> | <p>Online Page: Flooding KS2 Activities: 1. Rivers - Human features, pollution and flooding 2. Living with the risk of flooding Word Mat: Rivers</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - describe and understand key aspects of physical geography, including: rivers and the water cycle - describe and understand key aspects of human geography, including: types of settlement and land use, economic activity including trade links |
| <p>Identify the key characteristics of one of the world's longest rivers.</p> | <p>Online Page: World Rivers KS2 Activities: 1. World Rivers 2. Battle of the world's longest rivers Guided Reading: River Nile Fact-file Fact Files: Congo, Mississippi, Nile, Ob-Irtysh, Yangtze, Yellow and Yenisei (with Scavenger hunt) Show What You Know: 1. Rivers LKS2 assessment paper 2. Rivers UKS2 assessment paper</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - describe and understand key aspects of physical geography, including: rivers and the water cycle describe and understand key aspects of human geography, including: types of settlement and land use, economic activity including trade links, and the distribution of natural resources including energy, food, minerals and water - <i>use maps, atlases, globes and digital/computer mapping to locate countries and describe features studied</i> |