

KS2.CA.T2	Area of study: Weather, Climate and The Water Cycle Unit aims / outcome: To understand and be able to explain the water cycle process. To know and name the features of rivers and understand their significance to the water cycle	
Observe, measure, record and present data linked to a local river study Children to record the flow rate of the river and observe river features taught in the unit of work Use statistics to compare the length of rivers around the world and the UK Create a physical feature sketch map of the area studied for the river study and record information gathered into a graph: using correct symbols for river, woodland, fields, trees, green open spaces and place in a key	Geographical concepts to organise knowledge: Location – to locate rivers in the UK and around the world Place – to know the key features of rivers Physical and Human features and processes – to know how topography can impact the water cycle. Understand that the water cycle is a physical process and know ways in which humans can impact this process. Geographical skills, fieldwork and observations – Complete a river study, observing, measuring and recording data	
Key strands of learning: Settlements Land use Scale Regions Topography Local Study		
Learning in Reception:	Tier 2 <u>New</u> <u>Review</u> Physical Human City Environment Hill Mountain Coasts River Observe Measure Record Human impact Land use Temperature Environment	Tier 3 <u>New</u> Celsius ‘understand the meaning of C – Roman Numerals meaning 100’ Water cycle Steam Tributary Riverbed Current Settlements Flow rate Source <u>Review</u> <u><i>Science – LKS2.CA.T1)</i></u> Physics Evaporation Condensation Precipitation

	Continents Earth Oceans Transporting Downstream	Runoff Vapour Liquid Gas Solid Boiling point Freezing point Estuary Mouth <i>Geography (LKS2.CA.T1)</i> Topography Geographical region
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NC objective: Vocabulary and crucial knowledge:

Describe and understand key aspects of: physical geography, including: rivers and the water cycle	<p><u>Context of study:</u></p> <p>This unit of work is a cornerstone for two critical aspects of geographical knowledge and understanding: rivers and the water cycle. The children have already been exposed to rivers Amazon River (KS1.CA.T3) River Trent (KS1.CA/B.T1) and the River Thames (KS1.CB.T2) but this unit now teaches the children the features of rivers. Throughout the unit the children’s understanding of their links with coasts (KS1.CB.T3); ocean and continents (KS1.CA.T2) will further develop.</p>
human geography, including: types of settlement and land use, and the distribution of natural resources including water	<p>The water cycle is taught following a unit of work on seasonal change (KS1.CB.T3) as well as states of matter within science (LKS2.CA.T1). This cross over of vocabulary and understanding being deliberately built upon will add depth to the children’s knowledge of the physical process. Having also just completed a unit of work on geographical regions and topography (LKS2.CA.T1), linking the learning here will allow children to broaden their knowledge of topography and its impact on rivers. Bringing these two aspects together allows for the study of rivers during fieldwork, observations and skill based work as well as opportunities to think critically around the human impact on land use (LKS2.CA.T1) can have on river systems and the water cycle.</p>
use maps, atlases, globes and digital/computer mapping to locate countries and describe features studied (rivers)	<p>Crucial Knowledge:</p> <p>Water Cycle</p>
use fieldwork to observe, measure, record and present the human and physical features in the local area using a range of methods,	<p>Understand that the water cycle is a physical process</p> <p>The water cycle is part Physics (LKS2.CA.T1)</p> <p>Know the term for each part of the water cycle: Evaporation (LKS2.CA.T1), condensation (LKS2.CA.T1), precipitation (KS1.CB.T3), runoff</p> <p>Know that evaporation is the process when water changes from a liquid to vapour (gas) when it gets hotter. Understand that 100oc is the boiling point of water (science)</p>

including sketch maps, plans and graphs, and digital technologies.

Know that **temperature** is measured in degrees **Celsius** (maths) – link C to mean 100 (Y2 maths)
 Know that **condensation** is the process when water **vapour** turns to a **liquid** through cooling.
 Know that you can see condensation on windows on cold day
 Know that when water condenses clouds are formed
 understand that when there is enough water vapour in the clouds and it is cold enough, rain falls
 Know that **precipitation** is rain
 Understand that **runoff** is when the precipitation falls and runs into streams, rivers, or lakes

Understand that when liquids are cooled to 0°C, freezing point, it forms a solid (ice) when it melts, it becomes back part of the water cycle again

Know that 70% of the Earth is water
 Know that 96% of the Earth’s water is stored in oceans and seas and the remaining 4% stored in rivers and lakes.

Rivers

Understand that a river is a large natural stream of water which flows along a channel to the sea, a lake or another river
 Know that water always flows **downstream** which means it flows downhill
 Understand the importance of rivers on the water cycle with **transporting** water away from the land
 Know the following vocabulary and know these key features of rivers and identify these using pictures, aerial photos and digital mapping:

Vocabulary	Definition
Stream	Small, narrow river
Estuary (KS1.CB.T3)	Where a river meets the sea
Mouth (KS1.CB.T3)	End of the river, where it meets the sea, lake or another river
Source	Where the river starts
Tributary	A small river or stream that joins a larger river
Riverbed	The bottom of the river, usually made of mud, sand and rock
Current	The flow, speed and strength of a river

Understand that rivers start on higher ground, hills or mountains (LKS2.CB.T1)

Understand that rivers start as streams and a number of these streams, **tributaries**, merge to form larger rivers.

Understand that settlements are often built near to significant rivers (KS...)

Know the five longest rivers of the UK:

1. Severn (354km)
2. Thames (346km) (KS1.C.T)
3. Trent (298km (KS1.C.T)
4. Great Ouse (230km)
5. Wye (215km)

Know the names and locate the seven continents (KS1.CA.T2)

Know the five longest rivers around the world:

1. Nile (6700km) Africa
2. Amazon (6400km) South America (KS1.CA.T3)
3. Yangtze (6300km) Asia
4. Mississippi-Missouri (6000km) North America
5. Yenisei-Angara-Selenga (3500km) Europe/Asia

Skills and observations

Observe the impact a river or stream can have on its environment

Measure the current of a stream or river

Understand the environmental factors that can impact flow rate

Use sketch maps to present findings of the physical features around the locality of the river

Observe and measure the process of evaporation

Record their findings of a weather study over time

Locate rivers on a world map