

### Rationale:

The aim is to support a school's recovery curriculum as children move through the planned learning 2020/21 by identifying key learning in statutory elements of foundation subjects along with activities and resources that would support school and home learning.

Schools may have identified other elements of key learning as per their planning to deliver the national curriculum programmes of study.

### The following is detailed below:

- key learning for statutory components in the geography programme of study that will support the learning of subsequent content
- activities that could support delivery within a 2-3 hour teaching session
- additional activities for home learning / extension tasks where schools can provide longer teaching time
- background information for teachers
- additional resources for teachers and home learning.

### Schools may consider some of the following to facilitate time within the 2020/21 timetable:

- 'trimming' a new framework to be taught to accommodate this additional session at the start or end
- additional opportunities to enrich children's learning through for example, a school choice of class text/libraries or an enrichment experience.

### Background Knowledge for Teachers: Overview of Framework

This framework is designed to fit the studying of any given location, however, schools have individual curriculum choices. This has been designed for the school to select learning focuses based on the school's individual needs. Therefore, it is highlighted that all areas of this document be covered as part of a 'recovery curriculum', rather than the school chooses which of the most pertinent key questions, to explore throughout KS2.

### Key Knowledge: The Water Cycle

- Water on the earth is constantly moving in a recycling process, this process is called the water cycle.
- The sun heats up water that is on land, in rivers, lakes and in seas and turns it into water vapour. This water vapour rises into the air and is known as 'evaporation'.
- Water vapour in the air cools down and forms tiny droplets of liquid water, which forms clouds, this is known as 'condensation'.
- Clouds that contain too much water get heavy and wet water falls back down to the ground in the form of rain or snow, this is called 'precipitation'.
- The rainwater that runs over the land can collect in rivers and make the journey back to the sea. The cycle is then started all over again.

**Key Knowledge: Formation of a river.**

- Rivers normally begin in upland areas and often begin when precipitation or melting ice starts to form into streams. This is known as the source of the river and is mostly characterised by steep land, narrow streams, and waterfalls. These features make up the 'Upper Course' of a river.
- The next course is known as the 'Middle Course' and is when a river become wider and deeper. The water is moving with greater velocity and the land becomes of a lot flatter. The middle course contains features such as meanders and ox bow lakes, and processes such as erosion, transportation, deposition, and flooding.
- The 'Lower Course' is normally wide, flat land that flows into a large body of water such as the sea. Features of the lower course include estuaries and deltas. There is a lot of deposition in the lower course, which is carried away by high tides in estuaries, but if a delta is formed the tide is not strong enough and lots of sediment will remain. There are no large deltas in the United Kingdom. An example of a delta is the Amazon delta.
- These three courses are sometimes known as a river's 'long profile' and can be seen in a long profile diagram.


**Key Knowledge: Rivers**

- The longest river in the world is the River Nile (6,695 km long)
- The second largest river in the world and the largest by discharge is the Amazon (209,000 m<sup>3</sup>/s)
- The longest river in the United Kingdom is the River Severn (354 km long)
- Significant rivers in the Merseyside area that could be studied include The River Mersey, The River Alt, The River Dee, Tue Brook and The Birket.

**Geography PoS Statutory Requirements:**

describe and understand key aspects of:

- physical geography, including climate zones, biomes, vegetation, rivers, mountains, volcanoes and earthquakes, and the water cycle
- name and locate counties and cities of the United Kingdom, geographical regions and their identifying human and physical characteristics, key topographical features (including hills, mountains, forests and rivers), and house patterns; and understand how some of these aspects have changed over time.

Key aspects	Key learning	Suggested activities/resources (see resource links)
<p><b>LOCATIONAL KNOWLEDGE: WHERE IS IT?/ WHERE ARE THEY?</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Name and locate counties 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</li> </ul>	<p><b>Learning Activities:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Using atlases, OS maps, digital maps and maps of the UK locate significant rivers, such as The Severn (The UK's longest River), The Thames, The Mersey, The Trent, The Wye, The Ouse, The Tyne, etc.</li> <li>What is the largest river in each of the countries that make up the United Kingdom? Show the different countries on a map and mark the largest river in each country on that map.</li> <li>Use the WWF resource to locate rivers and tributaries in your local area: <a href="https://www.wwf.org.uk/uk-map">https://www.wwf.org.uk/uk-map</a></li> </ul>  <p>What rivers flow through the capital of the United Kingdom?</p> <p>What is the river or brook that is closest to your school/ home?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What are the five longest rivers in the United Kingdom? <a href="https://www.britain-visitor.com/britain-travel-guide/major-rivers-uk">https://www.britain-visitor.com/britain-travel-guide/major-rivers-uk</a></li> </ul> <p><b>Planning/extension:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Explore the River Severn in more detail: <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/clips/zff8q6f">https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/clips/zff8q6f</a> (4.24)</li> <li>Explore the Canal and River Trust Resources: <a href="https://canalrivertrust.org.uk/explorers/resources">https://canalrivertrust.org.uk/explorers/resources</a></li> <li>Explore how to protect rivers, using the Thames as an example: <a href="https://thames-explorer.org.uk/rivers-and-environmental-issues-ks2/">https://thames-explorer.org.uk/rivers-and-environmental-issues-ks2/</a></li> </ul>

<p><b>PLACE KNOWLEDGE: WHAT IS IT LIKE?</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Understand geographical similarities and differences through the study of human and physical geography of a region of the United Kingdom, a region in a European country, and a region within North or South America</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Learning Activities:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Nile is the largest river in the world. Watch the following clip [04:37] <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z3rwmp3#:~:text=The%20River%20Nile%20is%20one,way%20to%20the%20Mediterranean%20Sea,(4.37)">https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z3rwmp3#:~:text=The%20River%20Nile%20is%20one,way%20to%20the%20Mediterranean%20Sea,(4.37)</a></li> <li>Make a list of all the benefits of living near the River Nile.</li> <li>Give different children/ groups a river to research. Article: <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/49771759">https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/49771759</a></li> <li>Play Babble Gallop as a whole class, each child/ group giving a 30 second – 60 second summary of each river, including its location in the world and any relevant geographical facts about the river.</li> <li>Play the interactive game to locate the World's longest rivers on the map of the world: <a href="https://www.terra.com/eng/vgp/3133">https://www.terra.com/eng/vgp/3133</a></li> </ul> <p><b><u>Home learning extension:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Choose a river from around the world. Create a fact file that includes: where the river is; where its source and mouth are; which countries it flows through; which cities and settlements the river flows through; why we need that river to survive; how the river is managed and looked after. Such as the Amazon on the Amazon River: <a href="http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/rivers/amazon.htm">http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/rivers/amazon.htm</a></li> </ul>
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Describe and understand key aspects of:

- physical geography, including: climate zones, biomes and vegetation belts, rivers, mountains, volcanoes and earthquakes, and the water cycle
- 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

**Learning Activities:**

Watch 'Water Cycle', BBC Bitesize:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/ks3/science/revision/1/articles/z3wpp39> (0:56)

- Explain the meaning of the terms using the infographic.
- Play the quiz at the end of the video.

*The water cycle is repeated over and over, but it is important to remind pupils that not all water will move through rivers and back into the sea. Some water will be stored in natural lakes and underground; other water may be stored in manmade reservoirs, used by factories and to make products or we will use some of the water in our pipes and that will need to be held up in a water treatment plant.*

- Draw a labelled diagram of the water cycle, similar to the one below.



**Practical water activity:**

Find out more about the water cycle:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/clips/z8qtfg8> (2:35)

- To demonstrate evaporation, leave a tray of water outside and watch it disappear and evaporate.
- To retrieve the water, show the children condensation by using a cold window or mirror and breathing on it. This will create moisture.
- To show condensation, use a hot water and cling film to show how water vapour turns back into water.

*Some water flows across the surface of the ground - **surface run-off**. This happens when the surface doesn't allow water to penetrate. Surface run-off is more likely to occur if the ground is saturated with water or when the rock is impermeable. This water moves quickly to the river.*

- Investigate how surface run-off can lead to flooding.  
[https://www.rgs.org/schools/teaching-resources/rivers-\(1\)/flooding/](https://www.rgs.org/schools/teaching-resources/rivers-(1)/flooding/)

**Home learning/extension:**

- Create a flooding flowchart as seen here:  
<https://www.rgs.org/CMSPageContent/Files/File.aspx?nodeguid=d2ae8ed0-6a6d-4c6e-9407-d15722dcceb&lang=en-G>
- Create a new voiceover for the following clip explaining the water cycle:  
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zh1nqjg/revision/1> [00:48]

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- key physical features, including: beach, cliff, coast, forest, hill, mountain, sea, ocean, **river**, soil, valley, vegetation, season and weather

**Learning Activities:**

- Watch Rivers: BBC Teach:  
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/geography-ks1--ks2-rivers/z6qsf4j> (1:58)

Show the children various images of a river long profile and explain the different features in each course of the river.

- Use the PowerPoint and factsheet [https://www.rgs.org/schools/teaching-resources/rivers-\(1\)/journey-of-a-river/](https://www.rgs.org/schools/teaching-resources/rivers-(1)/journey-of-a-river/)
- Use the image and statements at the end of the factsheet to create a matching activity. Match the statement to the correct course of the river.
- Play a matching game <http://wordwall.net/resource/42516/geography/river-features-matching-game>
- Match features to their definition

Watch the video <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/topics/z849q6f/articles/z7w8pg8>, [01:23]

- Copy the quiz at the end of the page.

**Home learning extension**

Create a model of a long profile, including as many of the features of a river as possible. Use modelling clay, cardboard boxes and paint. [RGS: [https://www.rgs.org/schools/teaching-resources/rivers-\(1\)/journey-of-a-river/](https://www.rgs.org/schools/teaching-resources/rivers-(1)/journey-of-a-river/)]

Discover how a delta looks like in another country: The Ganges in India.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WfakwOTSWjY&feature=emb\\_title](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WfakwOTSWjY&feature=emb_title) [6:17]

- Watch the lesson from Oak National Academy (KS3)  
<https://teachers.thenational.academy/lessons/what-are-the-features-of-a-rivers-long-profile-checks-for-understanding-from-query=rivers> (16.40)

<p><b>GEOGRAPHICAL SKILLS and FIELDWORK</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use maps, atlases, globes and digital/computer mapping to locate countries and describe features studied</li> <li>• 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</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Learning Activities:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use the River Thames OS map extract <a href="https://www.rgs.org/schools/teaching-resources/rivers-(1)/mapping-the-river-thames/">https://www.rgs.org/schools/teaching-resources/rivers-(1)/mapping-the-river-thames/</a> or relevant OS maps from your local river, <b>such as the River Alt</b> <a href="https://www.streetmap.co.uk/#river+Alt+in+Liverpool+452611+405611.htm">https://www.streetmap.co.uk/#river+Alt+in+Liverpool+452611+405611.htm</a> or the River Mersey. <a href="https://www.streetmap.co.uk/#river+Mersey+in+Liverpool+456611+492611.htm">https://www.streetmap.co.uk/#river+Mersey+in+Liverpool+456611+492611.htm</a></li> <li>• Explore four figure grid references with children unfamiliar with them. Once pupils understand, use six figure grid references to locate features on a given map from above.</li> <li>• Find OS symbols on maps and give the correct grid references.</li> <li>• Use the compass points [eight or 8 point compass] to describe the symbols in relation to the river (If you walk north west from the point [064,243] you will find the point at [065,274].</li> <li>• Watch <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dnJfx...">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dnJfx...</a> to support subject knowledge.</li> </ul> <p><b>Home Learning Extension Activities:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sketch your own OS map, complete with symbols and your own river running through the map. Write questions about your map such as: What grid reference will you find the source of the river? What grid reference is there and how large?</li> <li>• Explore the trial pages of <a href="https://osmaps.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/">https://osmaps.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/</a> and explore different OS maps in your area. Explore the free resources on Digimaps for schools <a href="https://dfsresources.edina.ac.uk/">https://dfsresources.edina.ac.uk/</a></li> </ul>
<p><b>KEY CONCEPTS:</b></p>	<p>Schools should pick key concepts based on their own curriculums and identify themes.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Place</li> <li>• Scale</li> <li>• Interconnection</li> <li>• Sustainability</li> </ul>



**Vocabulary:**

**Source:** The point at which a river starts.

**Upper course:** The first stage of river, often located on high ground.

**Middle course:** The second stage of a river, where the land is flatter and the river wider.

**Lower course:** The land is flat and the river is at its widest.

**Channel:** The river bed and banks in which water flows.

**V-shaped valley:** The river in the upper course flows through steep gradients.

**Tributaries:** Small streams that join the larger river.

**Erosion:** Material is cut away from river beds and banks by the water.

**Transportation:** When eroded material is taken downstream.

**Deposition:** Material is 'dropped' or deposited when the river no longer has the capacity to carry it.

**Undercutting:** A feature of erosion when the river cuts away at the bank.

**Meander:** The natural bend in a river.

**Oxbow lake:** A section of a meander that becomes isolated from the main river channel. Eventually it dries out.

**Mouth:** The point where the river ends.

**Estuary:** In the lower course, where the river meets the sea.

**Delta:** Characterised by mud and sediment deposits, deltas are formed at the mouth of a river when the incoming tide cannot wash them away.

**Precipitation:** Precipitation is rain, hail, sleet and snow. (It is important for pupils to understand that the only source of fresh water is rain).

**Surface runoff:** When precipitation runs over the surface of the land.

**Throughflow:** When water infiltrates the layer of soil and flows through it, rather than over the surface.

**Discharge:** The volume of water flowing through a channel.

**Evaporation:** The process of changing from a liquid to a gas.

**Transpiration:** Water that is absorbed by plants.

**Condensation:** The changing of a vapour or gas to a liquid.

**Basin:** A circular or oval valley or natural depression on the earth's surface, usually one containing water.

**Current:** A body of water moving in a particular direction, especially through a standing body of water in which there is less movement.

**Dam:** A barrier constructed to hold back water at a certain level, creating a reservoir used to generate electricity or as a water supply.

**Rapid:** A fast-flowing and turbulent part of a river's course.

**Reservoir:** A large natural or artificial lake used as a source of water supply.