Christ the Sower Ecumenical Primary School

GEOGRAPHY
Knowledge Organiser

Year 3 – Summer 1
Rivers

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Focus Question: How are rivers formed and how can we preserve them?

Key Vocabulary

Source	the place where a river starts
Mouth	where a river flows into another body of water
Erosion	the wearing away of land
Deposition	when a river drops material
Tributary	a smaller river joining a larger one
Floodplain	flat land beside a river that may flood
Drought	a long period with too little rain

Key Learning

- A river flows from its source towards its mouth.
- Rivers have upper, middle and lower courses.
- Erosion, transport and deposition shape land.
- Important rivers include the Thames, Nile and Amazon.
- Rivers help people but can also flood or become polluted.

Geography in Action



River journey

Source, upper, middle, lower and mouth.



River processes

Erosion, transport and deposition.



Rivers and people

Valuable for water, farming and wildlife.

Remember and Try

- Label a river from source to mouth.
- Locate major rivers using a map.
- Suggest ways to care for rivers.

End Point

I can explain how rivers flow and shape land, and describe their value, risks and protection.