

Key Learning

A river starts at the source, is added to by small tributaries and flows to the sea (known as the mouth).

Charities like the Severn River Trust work hard to protect the river and the animals that live along it.

Rivers have been used for water, food, transport and pleasure over the years and so many towns and villages are built next to them.

Meanders and oxbow lakes are formed when the water and rocks erode the outside of a curve in the river and material is dropped on the inside.

The Water Cycle is the process of water turning into water vapor and then back into water.

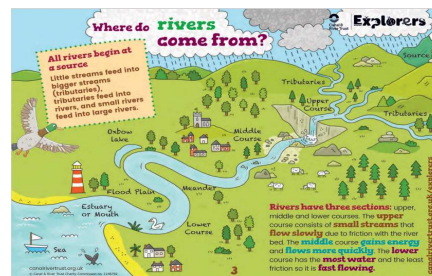
Year 3 – All about Water – Rivers and the Water Cycle

Map



Exciting Reads

Canal and Rivers Trust Explorers Pack.



Subject Specific Vocabulary

source	Where the river starts
tributary	A stream that feeds into the river.
oxbow lake	A meander that has been cut off from the main channel
meander	A bend in the river
mouth	Where the river ends.
waterfall	Water that falls over hard rock.
erosion	The side of the channel is worn away.
deposition	Material is dropped by the slower moving water.
water cycle	The natural process water goes through on planet Earth.
precipitation	When water falls from the sky as rain, snow or hail.
evaporation	When water turns into water vapor
condensation	When water vapor turns back into water droplets.
run-off	When water flows over the ground to the river or sea.
ground water	Water that stored underground.