

Creech St Michael Primary School



Subject: Geography Topic: How do Rivers Change?

Year 5/6

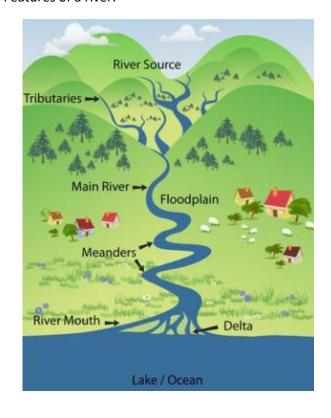
Key knowledge and understanding:

The water cycle is the way in which water moves around the world.



- Evaporation when water changes from liquid to gas due to heat.
- Condensation when water vapour cools and turns into clouds.
- Precipitation rain, hail, sleet and snow that falls from the clouds.
- Collection when water that falls from the clouds, collects in the oceans, rivers, lakes, streams. Most will soak into the ground and will collect as underground water

Features of a river:



What: (key vocab)		
condensation	small drops of water which form when	
	water vapour or steam cools	
deposition	The dropping of sediment	
evaporation	to turn from liquid into gas; pass away in	
	the form of vapour	
erosion	The wearing away of the Earth's surface.	
floodplain	low flat land along a river that is flooded	
	when the river overflows	
gas	air-like substances that can move around	
	freely or they might flow to fit a container	
lake	A large area of water, surrounded by land.	
meander	a curve in the river	
mouth	The end of a river, where it enters a lake,	
	sea or ocean.	
precipitation	rain, snow, sleet, dew, etc, formed by	
	condensation of water vapour	
river	A flow of fresh water across the land into a	
	lake, sea or ocean.	
riverbed	A smaller river that flows into a larger	
	river.	
run off	rain that is not absorbed by the ground	
sediment	Natural material that is carried and	
	deposited by a river	
source	the start of a river	
sea	An area of salt water.	
transportation	The movement of sediment (material).	
tributary	A smaller river that flows into a larger	
	river.	
valley	A low area of land between hills or	
	mountains, typically with a river or stream	
	flowing through it	
waterfall	a place in a river where water spills	
	suddenly downward	
water vapour	water that is in the form of a vapour or gas	

Where: (significant places)			
River Tone		The River Tone flows through Creech St Michael	
The Amazon River		The largest river in the world, in S. America	
The Nile		The longest river in Africa and the world.	

Geographical skills and enquiry

- Describe and understand key aspects of rivers and the water cycle
- Use fieldwork to observe, measure, record, present and analyse the human and physical features in the local area using a range of methods, including sketch maps