

## Caroline Haslett Primary School - Geography

**Spring Term**

**Year 3**

**Rivers**

### Prior Knowledge

A river is a physical geographical feature.

### New Knowledge

Rivers are split into different stages:

- source
- upper course
- middle course
- lower course
- mouth

Rivers flow downhill. They collect water from small streams call tributaries.

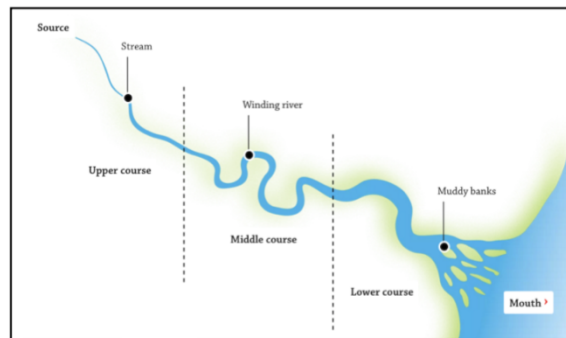
Erosion and deposition change how rivers look over time.

Sediment deposited by a river forms new land.



### Vocabulary

- **Bank** - the land at the side of the river.
- **Bed** - the bottom of a river.
- **Channel** - a passage through which something flows.
- **Course** - the direction or route.
- **Deposition** - when water 'drops off' the rock, sand or soil it is carrying.
- **Erosion** - when rock, sand or soil is worn away by water or wind.
- **Meander** - a winding part of a river.
- **Mouth** - the place where a river or stream enters a larger body of water.
- **River** - a channel of water that flows towards an ocean, lake or sea.
- **Sediment** - the rock, sand or soil that is 'dropped off' after being carried along a river.
- **Source** - a point where something starts.



### Activities

- Draw and label the features of a river.
- Make a physical model of a river.
- Research the main rivers of the UK.

### Skills and National Curriculum Objectives

- Describe and understand key aspects of physical geography, including ... rivers.