

**KS2 Geography Knowledge Organiser: Rivers**

**Year 4**

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| Background understanding for teachers and parents |
| A river is a moving body of water that flows from its ****source**** on high ground, across land, and then into another body of water, which could be a ****lake****, the ****sea****, an ****ocean**** or even another river.  A river flows along a ****channel**** with ****banks**** on both sides and a ****bed**** at the bottom. If there is lots of rainfall, or snow or ice melting, rivers often rise over the top of their banks and begin to flow onto the ****floodplains**** at either side. |



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| **Where? (Key areas to learn about)** | |
| **River Irwell** | Europe, UK, 63 km |
| **River Mersey** | Europe, UK, 110 km |
| **River Medlock** | Europe, UK, 16 km |
| **River Thames** | Europe, UK, 346 km |
| **River Nile** | Africa, Egypt and Sudan, 6650 km |
| **Amazon River** | South America, 6400 km |
| **Mississippi River** | North America, 3766km |

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| **What? (Key Vocabulary)** | |
| **Channel** | The course in the ground that a river or water flows through. |
| **Dam** | A barrier built to hold back water. |
| **Deposition/desposit** | When rocks and other materials that have been eroded are dropped off further along the river. |
| **Erosion** | Rocks and other river materials are picked up by the water and moved to another place along the river. |
| **Mouth** | The point where a river joins the sea. |
| **Source** | The placer where a river begins. |

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| **Key Facts** |
| Rivers usually begin in upland areas, when rain falls on high ground and begins to flow downhill. |
| Rivers have sources, channels, tributaries and mouths. |
| Rivers run through every continent in the world except Antarctica. |
| Most cities are located near rivers for many reasons including fishing, transport, waste disposal and communication. |
| Some rivers join up with other rivers (tributaries). The point where they meet is called a confluence. |

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| **Impact (on us at St Joseph the Worker)** |
| Irlam is situated close to the river Irwell and this river provides the inspiration for the name of this town.  River’s and Canal’s played a central role in the development and growth of Irlam as an Industrial town. |

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| **Kahoot Quiz Scores** | |
| **Pre Assessment** | **Post Assessment** |

