

River Wildlife

Project Kingfisher



Key Stage 1 – Habitats

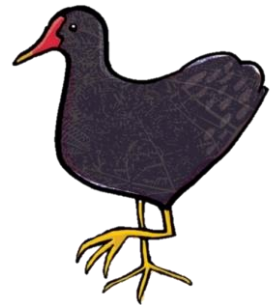
What lives in and around a river?

Many creatures like to live in and around rivers. In a city, there isn't always space for wildlife but a river can provide that space. This session offers a chance to explore the river environment to discover what animals have made this their home. Children will begin to think like scientists as they observe the creatures they find.

Before the session: Please split the class into 6 groups to facilitate activities.

Session Objectives:

- To get to know the river habitat and learn about the animals that live there
- To value the river environment



Curriculum Links

- To identify and name a variety of common animals
- To describe and compare the features of a variety of common animals
- To identify that most living things live in habitats to which they are suited and describe how different habitats provide for the basic needs of different kinds of animals and plants



Session Summary

Introduction	Health and Safety briefing and introduction to the river
Wildlife i-spy	Exploring the river area to find out what animals can be found on the riverbank and around the river
River dipping	A chance to discover what tiny creatures live in the river
Creature feature	A closer look at the creatures found in the water, identifying what makes each one special
Create a habitat	Pupils will be tasked with creating a home for a river creature, thinking about what a habitat provides for the animals that live there
Summing up	Discuss what has been learned and what they could do next!