

My Local River

Project Kingfisher



Getting to know your river For KS1

In this session, children will compete in 'River Animal' teams to become Local River Experts! They will hunt for river features, use mapping skills and discover what key aspects there are on site to support river wildlife. As they carry out a range of activities they will score points for their team. Which team will earn the qualification of Local River Expert?

Before the session:

Please split the class into 5 or 6 teams to facilitate activities.



Session Objectives:

- To get to know the local river using fieldwork and observational skills
- To value the river environment

Geography Curriculum Links

- To study a small geographical area in order to make comparisons to contrasting sites
- To study the geography of their local area using simple fieldwork and observations
- To create and use basic symbols in a key Geography KS1



Session Summary

Introduction	Heath and Safety briefing and introduction to the river
River feature warm up	What river features might be found locally? This is a quick activity to get the children familiar with what to look out for.
River Feature explore	Using a map, children will navigate the area and use simple symbols to plot river features they find. Points for accuracy!
River Puzzle	Where does this visited section of the river fit into the river as a whole? Complete the puzzle to find out. Fastest team wins!
River animals	Children will get to know their team animal to understand what it needs from the river habitat. Points for recalling facts!
Diagnosis	Children will investigate the river habitat as their river animal
Summary	Quick fire round – last chance to earn some bonus points by recalling what they have learned.