

My Local River

Project Kingfisher



Getting to know your river

For KS2

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 features are needed 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 observe and record characteristics and physical features of the local area
- To present physical features of an area using mapping skills
- To describe and understand key aspects of river



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!
River investigation	Children will investigate the river habitat as their river animal
Summary	Quick fire round – last chance to earn some bonus points by summarising what they have learned.