

River History

Project Kingfisher



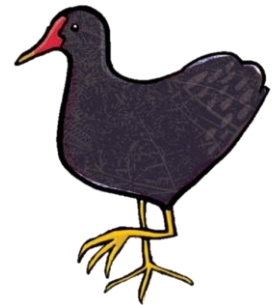
Key Stage 2

How has the river changed through history?

This session uses a range of hands on activities and interactive story-telling to share the history of the local river, focusing on the development of mills and industry and the impact these activities have had on the river environment. This session will bring to life how and why industrialisation has happened along the river. What products were made here? How did the area change as mills and industries expanded? Who were the Victorians and what was their impact on the river?

Session Objectives:

- To explore how mills and industry changed the river
- To value the river environment



Curriculum Links

- To study an aspect of history that is significant to the locality
- To establish a clear narrative about the industrialisation of rivers
- To recognise that environments can change and this can pose a threat to living things

Session Summary



Introduction	Heath and Safety briefing and introduction to the river
Why water wheels?	Why did people turn to water wheels to help with manual labour? Children will be given tasks to do to see how difficult making things by hand can be.
Water wheel investigation	An exploration of how water wheels work.
The Story of Industry on the River	This activity requires children to act out the various impacts industrialisation brought to the river. It brings to life the sights and smells of the river during Victorian Times.
River Sketch	Taking observations of the river now and creating sketches of what the Victorian river looked like and the future river could look like.
Summary	A chance to reflect on what has been learned