Learning objective: To write a descriptive text about a river animal.

You will need:
- Paper or your River Journal
- Pen or pencil to write with
- Pictures of your chosen animal to inspire you

Instructions:

1. Choose a river animal to write about. Begin by writing a title at the top of the page that includes alliteration - that means add an adjective that starts with the same letter.

2. Introduce your animal by writing a sentence that says what type of animal it is.

3. Write a simile that describes its size. Include one of these phrases: ...as small as..., ..as big as..., as tall as... OR ...as long as...
You could use objects from Activity 2.

4. Next, begin describing what it looks like. For each body part include 1 or 2 adjectives and added detail (using ‘with’ or ‘that’). Continue until you have described the whole animal.

5. Finish off, by writing a sentence that explains why you like this animal and add an interesting fact in a ‘Did you know?’ section.

To help, I will give an example of each step using my favourite river animal - the BROWN TROUT!

The brown trout is a fish.

It is as long as my arm.

It has a long, sleek body that is covered in spots.

I like this animal because it is a sign of a clean river.

Did you know? Brown Trout can live up to 20 years!

EXTRA: Take a picture of your work and ask an adult to post it on our Facebook group.

Support
- For STEP 4, describe three body parts using adjectives.
- Include scientific language like: segmented, plumage, abdomen, vertebrate, camouflage, transparent, exoskeleton.

Challenge
- It has a spotty body and a yellow belly. It has two, big, round eyes.
- The brown trout is a fierce predator that preys on other fish.