Meet some of the animals that make UK rivers their home.

Learning objective: To describe, compare and classify river animals.

You will need:
- 2 pages of your River Journal or 2 sheets of paper
- Something to write with
- Scissors and glue (optional)
- 'Animal Info Sheet' - page 2 of this document (printed or on screen)

Instructions:

1. Divide the 2 pages or 2 sheets of paper in half by drawing a line across the middle of each one. Write one of these words in each section you have made: Birds, Mammals, Insects, Fish.

TIP: If you have an A3 sheet of paper, make the 4 sections by folding it in half and in half again.

2. Next, using the Animal Info Sheet, match the animals pictured to each category. Each box should have 2 animals in it.

If you can print:
- Print the 'Animal Info Sheet', cut out the pictures & facts and glue them in place.

If you can't print:
- Write the animal names and facts in each box.

3. Now, match the facts on the Animal Info Sheet to each box. Each box should have 1 fact of each colour.

4. When you are done, tell someone which of these animals is your favourite and explain why.

Extra: Ask a parent to post your response on our Facebook group.

Support
Instead of completing this task for all four categories, choose just two (ie. Birds and Fish).

Challenge
Find out an additional interesting fact about one animal from each category by visiting: www.wildlifetrusts.org/wildlife-expplorer
# Animal Info Sheet

Print this sheet and cut along the dotted lines. If you can’t print, write the animal names and facts on your sheet instead.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Animal Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Ruddy Darter Dragonfly</td>
<td>Covered in slippery skin or scales</td>
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<tr>
<td>Water vole</td>
<td>Has a hard body (exoskeleton)</td>
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<td>Grey Heron</td>
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<td>Kingfisher</td>
<td>Has 4 legs</td>
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<tr>
<td>Roach</td>
<td>Has 6 legs</td>
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<tr>
<td>Banded Damselfly</td>
<td>Has 2 pairs of wings (4 wings)</td>
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<tr>
<td>European Eel</td>
<td>Has fins</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>European Otter</td>
<td>Has 2 legs</td>
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- Covered in feathers (plumage)
- Has a hard body (exoskeleton)
- Has whiskers
- Has 2 pairs of wings (4 wings)
- Has a beak
- Has gills
- Has fins
- Covered in slippery skin or scales
- Covered in fur