



Year 3 – Rivers

CRUCIAL KNOWLEDGE

A river is a natural stream of water flowing to the sea, a lake or another river

Rivers are freshwater

There are different features of a river

Rivers can flood in different ways

Rivers always flow/move downhill

EXTENDED KNOWLEDGE

Features of a rivers are: source, mouth, meander, oxbow lake, tributary

People use rivers in different ways – sport, fishing, water supply and transport

Source is the place where a river starts

Mouth is where the river ends

Meander is a bend in a river

Oxbow lake is a horse-shoe shaped lake

Tributary is a stream or smaller river that flows into a main river

Rivers have been used by people for thousands of years

The River Trent flows through Staffordshire