

Investigating rivers

Use reference books and the internet to research and answer the following questions on rivers.

1. What is the UK's longest river?
2. Find out what the longest river is in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.
3. One of the world's largest rivers runs through South America? What is its name?
4. Which ancient civilisation would have lived near the river Nile? Why might they have chosen to live here?
5. Use dictionaries and the internet to provide a definition for the following words:
 - Transportation
 - Erosion
 - Deposition
 - Meander
 - Delta
6. What other types of bodies of water are there on Earth?
7. How were rivers used in the past? Compare this with how they are used today.
8. What environmental changes (either natural or man made) might affect rivers?
9. Rivers are examples of natural beauty, but they can also be dangerous places. Design a poster informing other children about how to stay safe near rivers.
10. Rivers play an important role in supporting our ecosystems. Use information books and the internet to research some of the different habitats that rely on rivers.

