



Geography Knowledge Organiser: Year 3

Misty Mountains and Winding Rivers



What we already know:

In our learning so far, we are familiar with how to find the countries of the UK on a map and with the capital cities of the UK. We are also able to discuss famous physical and human geographical features within the UK.

What we are going to learn:

This term we are learning all about the incredible mountains and rivers of the UK. Rivers go on a journey from the source to the mouth, they are home to many different creatures and have lots of different features like waterfalls. We will also look closely at one of our local rivers, the River Medway, and will also investigate what happens when a river floods. We will also look at the physical and human aspects of the UK's mountains, talking about the summits, wildlife, their formation and erosion.



An example of a waterfall.

Key Vocabulary:

Source – the start of a river

Mouth – where rivers meet the ocean.

Waterfall - where water flows over a vertical drop or a series of steep drops in the course of a river.

Spring - a place where water naturally flows from the ground.

Flood - when water covers land that is usually dry

Plunge Pool - found at the bottom of a waterfall and is formed by erosion

Summit - the top of a mountain

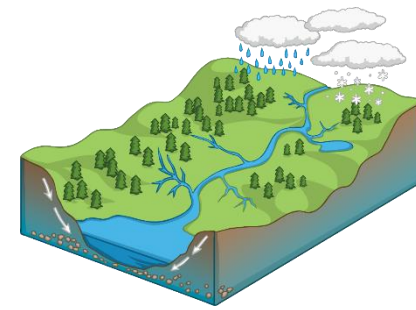
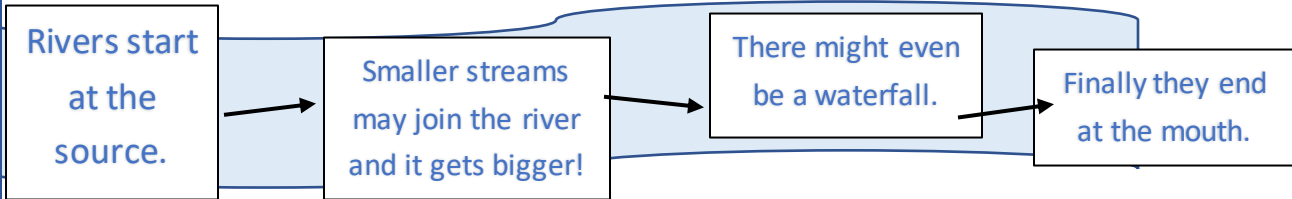
Lock - an enclosure or basin located in the course of a canal or a river with gates at each end.

Drainage basin - land around a river from which all water is drained

Tectonic Plates - massive slabs of rock that make up the Earth's crust

Erosion - when tiny pieces of the Earth's surface are moved from one place to another

What makes the rivers and mountains of the United Kingdom so special?



An example of a river's journey.