

Session Outline

Wales KS2 Investigating Rivers (can be extended to whole day session)

National Curriculum links:

Locating places, environments and patterns; identify and locate places and environments using globes, atlases and maps. Understanding places, environments and processes; identify and describe natural and human features; Describe the causes and consequences of how places and environments change. Investigating; Observe and ask questions about a place, environment or a geographical issue; measure, collect and record data through carrying out practical investigation and fieldwork

Learning objectives	Session structure	Assessment for learning
Describe the features of a	Introduction	We will use games and activities to
classic river model.	The children will discuss the features expected of a classic river	encourage children to reflect on their
	model and the different processes that create these.	learning and enjoyment of the day.
Investigate the physical features	Session activities	
of rivers and the processes that	The children will explore the river comparing it with the classic river	Children will be given the opportunity to
produce these landscape	model and identifying the key features that can be observed such	give feedback in a variety of ways.
features.	as areas of erosion and deposition.	
	Depending on location, there may be an opportunity to draw and	
Understand how rivers are used	label a field sketch of physical and human features, take	
by wildlife and people.	measurements or record plants/animals along the way.	
	Children will consider the wildlife that needs the river habitat to	
	survive. Identify ways in which the river and its uses have changed	
	and the impact it's had on the land and wildlife.	
	Plenary activity	
	We will provide opportunities for children to reflect on and review	
	their learning throughout the session using a combination of	
	questioning techniques, physical activities, games and facilitated	
	discussions.	
Before your visit	After your visit	Key vocabulary
Use the PowerPoint		
presentation on the website to	Use photographs or field sketches to create a river display at	Source, mouth, meander, channel shape,
introduce the visit with your	school which the children can label or add pictures of wildlife and	velocity, depth, oxbow lake, erosion,
class.	land use.	deposition
Recap the classic river model.		
Identify why and how rivers	Take part in our Wild Challenge https://www.rspb.org.uk/fun-and-	
have been important to humans.	learning/for-teachers/schools-wild-challenge/	