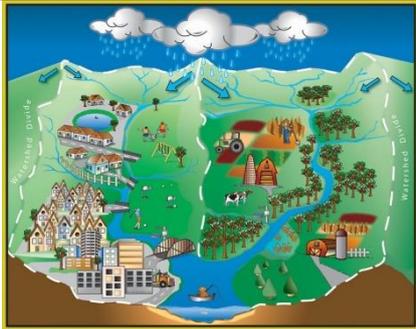


Birch Copse Primary School – Knowledge Organiser

Geography Topic:	River comparison	Year 2	Autumn
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The River Thames	
Country	England
Length	215 miles (2 nd longest in the UK)
River Basin	5000 square miles
Source	'Thames Head' near Cirencester
Mouth	Thames Estuary. It flows into the North Sea
Main towns and cities	Oxford, Reading, Henley, Windsor, London
Main uses	Transportation, rowing, sailing, fishing
Famous for...	Thames Barrier, Swans, punting in Oxford, Henley Regatta, The Boat Race
Bridges	Over 200 including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tower Bridge • Millenium Bridge • Reading Bridge • Caversham Bridge • Whitchurch Bridge
The Amazon River	
Countries	Brazil, Peru, Columbia
Length	3,976 miles (2 nd longest in the world)
River Basin	2,720,000 square miles (biggest in the world by far)
Source	The Andes Mountains, Peru
Mouth	Brazil into the Atlantic Ocean
Main towns and cities	Iquitos, Peru. Manaus, Brazil
Main uses	Transporting materials
Famous for...	The Amazon Rainforest. Over 1,100 tributaries. Over 5000 types of fish live here (including Piranhas)
Bridges	None!

Key Knowledge	
What is a river?	A flowing body of water traveling from high ground to low
Where does the water go?	Rivers usually flow into an ocean , a sea , a lake or another river (see tributary)
Where does the water come from?	From the rain. When rain hits the ground it flows down to the river (see watershed and river basin)
Key Vocabulary	
Watershed	 <p>Usually the top of a hill or ridge where rainwater will either flow one way down the hill into a river or the other side into a different river.</p>
Stream	A small river
Tributary	A smaller river joining on to a larger river
Valley	Low land between hills or mountains
Spring	A place where underground water comes to the surface
Ocean	Huge area of water – there are 5 Oceans
Sea	Big areas of water next to land – there are 85 seas in the world
Lake	A large area of water surrounded by land
Mouth	The end of a river where it meets an ocean , sea , lake or a bigger river.
Source	The start of a river – usually from high in the hills or mountains or from a underground spring

Real-Life Outcomes	Key Skills
<p>“River day Trip” Create a leaflet advertising a day trip either on the River Thames or the Amazon River (including geographical human and physical features learned in the unit)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Locate the rivers and some features on an atlas and a globe • Identify features from aerial photographs • Label a map with a key features of the rivers