Year 3 Geography - Rivers

Ideas to Support your child with geography learning

The topic of rivers could be learned over 3 or 4 weeks.

If your child selected a major river from five continents and built a fact file around these. The same questions can be asked of all the rivers. The information could be gathered either in an exercise book or a PowerPoint could be made (this could also build your child’s computing skills).

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What continent does the river flow through?

How many countries does it pass through?

Where is its source? (most start from hills, mountains, streams, springs etc)

Where and how does it flow into the sea? (estuary, delta etc)

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How long is it?

How wide is it?

What features does it have? (waterfalls, rapids, dams, bridges etc)

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How do people use the river? (jobs, settlements, industry, leisure etc)

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What lives in the river?

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Is the river polluted? How? Is anything being done about it?

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Any other interesting facts.

If using PowerPoint your child could add photos and animations. There are some helpful videos on You Tube about building PowerPoints.

These questions could also be applied to five British rivers, substituting counties for countries.

As a starting point you could choose from these world rivers: Either the Volga or Danube in Europe, Mississippi in North America, Amazon in South America, Yangtze or Ganges in Asia, Murray or Darling in Oceania.