



# GEOGRAPHY

## RIVERS

### RECAP

Knowledge of the 7 continents

Locating where in the world Cheswardine is, including its county and closest cities.

That water changes state through the process of evaporation and condensation.

### CRUCIAL KNOWLEDGE

1. To know that a river starts in a high area and runs down a hill or a mountain.
2. To know that a river usually ends where it meets a larger body of water such as a sea or ocean.
3. The start of a river is called the source and the end is called the mouth.
4. The longest river in the UK is our local river, the River Severn, it is 220 miles long, and runs from Wales to Bristol.
5. The water cycle is an ongoing process involving the evaporation and condensation of water.

### INTERESTING FACTS

- The Nile is 4132 miles long, making it the longest river in the world.
- Rivers provide us with food, energy, recreation, transportation routes, and of course water for irrigation and for drinking
- Many rivers and streams will join together before they reach the mouth of the river. The smaller rivers and streams are called tributaries.
- The structure of a river includes three main courses: Upper course, middle course and lower course.
- The Ganges, Yangtze and Indus river are the three most polluted on Earth.

### KEY VOCABULARY

- **Mouth:** A river mouth is the part of a river where the river flows into another river, a lake, a reservoir, a sea, or an ocean.
- **Source:** The source of a river is where it begins, usually on high ground.
- **Meander:** A meander is a winding curve or bend in a river.
- **Erosion:** Erosion occurs when the fastest currents in the river carve into the banks.
- **Deposition:** Rocks and sediments eroded from one part of the river are deposited in another part.
- **Tributary:** When one stream or river meets another and merge together, the smaller stream or river is known as tributary.
- **Ox bow:** lake Ox bow lakes are created when the meander is so deep that it cuts off a piece of the river and leaves a lake.
- **Stream:** A stream is a small body of flowing water.