

# DISCOVERY CLUB



Exploring where your interests can lead you

I am interested in...

## RIVER LIFE



There are many features of rivers. Here are some of them.

Rivers are amazing! They bring life to our landscapes and are home to many animals and plants.



Rivers provide food, water, shelter and travel routes for wildlife from the mountains to the sea.



### MOUNTAIN STREAMS

Fast, clear and full of oxygen. Home to dippers, mayfly larvae and freshwater shrimps.



### WOODLAND RIVERS

Shaded and cool. Look out for otters, kingfishers, water voles and dragonflies.



### RIVER BANKS & REEDS

Reeds and plants shelter frogs, newts, water beetles and lots of insects.



### LOWLAND RIVERS

Wider and slower. Fish like trout, chub and minnows make their home here.



### RIVER OBSTACLES

Weirs and waterfalls can be challenges. Salmon and eels have amazing journeys!



### FLOODPLAINS & WETLANDS

When rivers flood, they create wetlands. These are rich in life and perfect for birds, insects and amphibians.



### RIVER ESTUARIES

Rivers meet the sea here. Brackish water is home to wading birds, seals, crabs and many fish.



### LOOK AFTER OUR RIVERS

Rivers are precious. Keep them clean, respect wildlife and enjoy them responsibly.



### DID YOU KNOW?



- There are over 200 species of fish in British rivers.
- Otters can swim up to 8km in a day!
- Dippers can walk underwater!
- Salmon are born in rivers, go to sea, then return to lay their eggs.
- Rivers shape landscapes and help prevent flooding.

### HAZARDS OF RIVERS



Fast-flowing water can be dangerous.



Strong currents can pull you in.



Slippery rocks and muddy banks can cause falls.



Pollution can harm wildlife and people.



Cold water can lead to hypothermia.



Always go with an adult and follow safety rules.

What area of geography are you most interested in?

