



Year 3 Summer 1

Running Rivers

Geography: Local Area



Key Facts

What is the course of the River Wandle?

The River Wandle has two sources, in East Croydon and in Carshalton. It gets bigger and passes through Wilderness Island, being joined by a tributary at the Wrythe. It then passes through Abbey Mills, before joining the River Thames in Wandsworth.

Why are people attracted to live by rivers?

Early people settled near rivers so they could use them for drinking, washing, hunting and worship. Over time, people were able to use rivers more creatively, such as for water mills and transporting goods.

Why was the River Wandle important during the Industrial Revolution?

The River Wandle was one of the busiest rivers in the UK during the Industrial Revolution. Many mills and factories like Merton Abbey Mills, relied on it to power machines.

What are some key geographical features of the local area?

Some of the key geographical features are the Carshalton Ponds, residential areas, Oaks Park and Honeywood Museum.



This half term, our Big Question is...
 Why is the River Wandle important to our local area and how has this changed over time?

What do we already know?

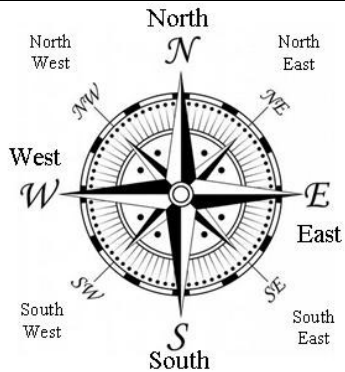
So far...

In Key Stage One, you used a range of maps and globes to identify the UK.

In Key Stage One, you learnt about some of the geographical features of the countries in the UK.

In Key Stage One, you learnt about the difference between seas and oceans.

In Year Three, you learnt about why Egyptian people chose to settle by the River Nile.



O.S Symbols	Sch	School
Cycle Trail		Footpath
Train Station		Place of Worship
		Station

Key Vocabulary

Compass	A compass is a tool for finding direction. The needle, which can spin freely, always points north.
Distributaries	The opposite of a tributary is a distributary. Distributaries, where rivers branch off to form smaller
Mouth	The mouth is where a river flows into a large body of water, such as an ocean.
Ordnance Survey map	Great Britain's national mapping agency is called Ordnance Survey or OS. It carries out the official surveying of GB, providing the most accurate and up-to-date geographic data, relied on by government, business and individuals.
River	A large natural stream of water flowing in a channel to the sea, a lake, or another river.
Source	The start of a river is called the source.
Spring	A place where water emerges naturally from the ground.
Tributary	A river or stream flowing into a larger river or lake.
Watermill	A building equipped with machinery, powered by a waterwheel.