

Blue Planet

Year 4 Summer Term Key Knowledge Organiser

	Key Vocabulary and Spellings
Deposition	Where material being transported is put down.
Erosion	The process that wears away a river bank.
Lake	A large area of water surrounded by land.
Meander	A winding curve or bend in the river.
River	A large amount of fresh water flowing continuously.
Source	The beginning of a stream or river.
Stream	A small body of flowing water.
Tributary	Where one river meets another and merges.

Key Facts:

- Rivers usually begin in upland areas, when rain falls on high ground and begins to flow downhill. They always flow downhill because of gravity. They then flow across the land meandering or going around objects such as hills or large rocks.
- They flow until they reach another body of water As rivers flow, they erode the land. Over a long
 period of time rivers create valleys, or gorges and canyons if the river is strong enough to erode
 rock. They take the sediment and carry it along with them.
- Small rivers are usually known as streams, brooks or creeks. If they flow from underground, they are called springs.

