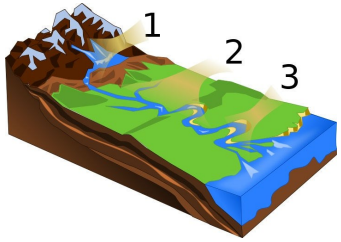
Year 5/6 Geography spring term: Rivers

Vocabulary:

- **River:** a moving body of water that drains the land.
- **Evaporation:** the process that changes liquid water to water vapor (gas)
- **Condensation:** the process by which water vapor trans-forms into liquid form
- **Precipitation:** water released from the clouds in the form of rain, hail, sleet or snow
- **Infiltration:** the process of water moving through soil and rock layers that make up the Earth's surface, to be stored as groundwater
- **Mouth:** the place where a river enters a lake, larger river, or the ocean
- **Meander:** when water flows in a curved manner
- **Floodplain:** an area of flat land beside a river
- **Flood:** when water overflows onto dry land
- Tributary: a freshwater stream that flows into a larger

Key enquiry questions:

- What are the 4 processes of the water cycle called?
- What are the 3 stages of a river?
- At what stage is the river the widest?
- How does flooding impact the environment?



Stem sentences:

Flooding can impact both humans and the environment by …

The 3 stages of a river are …

The water cycle is a continuous cycle. This means …