Year 4 Knowledge Objectives and Knowledge Goals - GEOGRAPHY

	British Geography	European Geography	World Geography
	Rivers – Not PKC	Mediterranean Europe	Africa
Week 1	To know that rivers have a source and journey to the sea Throughout time people have lived by rivers and used them for food and transport Every river begins as a stream and starts at a 'source', and ends with an estuary or flowing into a larger river or lake When streams merge together they form a river Rivers are natural, canals are built by people	Mediterranean Europe is located in the southern part of Europe Mediterranean Europe is the southern part of Europe The Mediterranean Sea is almost completely surrounded by land 'Mediterranean' comes from the Latin words meaning the middle of the land	Africa is a diverse continent Africa is a large continent with many different environments Africa is rich in natural resources such as fossil fuels, metals and precious stones Scientists believe Africa is the oldest inhabited continent
Week 2	To identify rivers in England The River Thames is the second longest river in England The River Severn is the longest river in the UK Many rivers in England flow through more than one county Rivers sometimes flood causing damage to people's homes or damaging crops The largest river in Europe is the Volga River	The Mediterranean climate is warm and dry in the summer, cool and wet in the winter We can find out information about climate from graphs that show temperature and rainfall The latitude of Mediterranean Europe is one reason why the climate is warm and dry The Gulf Stream keeps the temperature of Mediterranean Europe warm in the summer and mild in the winter	Ancient African Empires traded gold and salt across the Sahara Desert In Ancient Africa, gold and salt were important commodities for trading The Empire of Mali was a powerful merchant empire in West Africa Mansa Musa, an ancient, rich emperor of Mali, travelled across Africa to Mecca
Week 3	To know the River Aire's source and other facts The River Aire runs through Bingley and many other towns and cities in Yorkshire The river Aire is 148km long The river's source is in Malham The River Aire empties into the River Ouse The River Aire supports much wildlife	The warm, dry climate in Mediterranean Europe allows olives to grow Plants have to be tough to survive the hot, dry summers in Mediterranean Europe Olive trees grow very well in hot, dry places The Mediterranean climate is good for growing oranges, lemons, limes, grapes and olives	Desertification is a process that changes productive land into desert The Sahara Desert has seen the process of desertification occur for many years In recent years, the process of desertification has occurred more rapidly Desertification hits the poorest and most vulnerable members of a population hardest
Week 4	To understand the different courses and features of a river A river has an upper, middle and lower course which differ in size and flow Rivers have features such as a source, river bed, flood plains, meanders, oxbow lakes, estuary, Rivers cause erosion	The Alps, the Apennines and the Pyrenees are mountain ranges in Europe There are many mountain ranges in Mediterranean Europe including the Alps, the Apennines and the Sierra Nevada mountains Venice is a city built in the middle of a lagoon. There are active volcanoes in Italy	Food security is when people have access to affordable, nutritious food When people within a country have access to nutritious food they can afford, the country is 'food secure' If people within a country cannot access nutritious food, the country is experiencing food insecurity It is challenging for some African countries to be food secure
Week 5	To understand why settlements have often been built along rivers Rivers provided drinking water, food, protection and transport before canals were built. Mill owners used rivers to power machinery Today rivers are used for supplying water to homes, factories and farms, harnessing energy and leisure	Athens and Venice are settlements in Mediterranean Europe Mediterranean Europe has several large settlements including Lisbon, Madrid, Rome, Venice and Athens Athens is the capital city of Greece. Venice is a city located in a lagoon	Kenya is a diverse African country with varied environments Kenya's environmental regions include savannah, mountain forests, desert and mangroves Kenya is known for its tourist industry, particularly for safaris Locust infestations can damage farmland and cause food insecurity

Facts, figures and data - Aire Rivers Trust
River Aire Facts for Kids (kiddle.co)
All About Rivers 2020 (canalrivertrust.org.uk)
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