Year 5: Rivers Knowledge Mat

Subject Specific Vocabulary		World Rivers	Important knowledge about
water cycle	The continuous movement of water within the Earth and atmosphere.		Rivers
natural resources	Materials from the Earth that are used to support life and meet people's needs.		☐ I know what happens in the water cycle. ☐ I know what a river is
meander	A curve in a river.		and I know the features of a river.
mouth	The place where a river enters a lake, larger river, or the ocean.	Features of a River	☐ I know where the world's longest rivers are on a map and I know how rivers are
erosion	Rivers erode their banks and bed as they flow by slowly breaking down pieces of sediment.	Flood plain	used around the world.
tributary	A river or stream that flows into a larger river or stream	Oxbow lake	☐ I know the stages and features of a
source	The place where a river begins.	(Hearder)	river, and the way that land use
flood prevention	Preventing damage caused by floods by avoiding the construction of houses and industries in present	meander	changes from the source to the mouth.
	and future flood-prone areas.		☐ I know how human activity affects rivers.
flood plain	Generally a flat area surrounding a river or stream		☐ I know how flooding affects communities.
river management	Reducing or preventing the effects of flood waters by changing the landscape. This includes building dams and embankments.	Course Course Course	☐ I know the key characteristics of one of the world's longest rivers.