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Autumn 1 Homework Menu: Rivers & Journeys

Choose at least 3 creative tasks to complete across the half term. Can you get three in a row for a Tic-Tac-Toe line? Tick [] each box as you complete it.

1. Geography: River Journey



[] Draw a diagram showing the journey of a river from **source** to **mouth**. Label at least four features: source, waterfall, meander, and mouth.

★ **Spicy Challenge:** Add definitions explaining what erosion and deposition mean in your river.

2. English: Hope in Darkness



[] Write the opening scene of a story. A family must leave their home behind to seek safety. Focus on one small object of **hope** they carry with them.

★ **Spicy Challenge:** Use expanded noun phrases and fronted adverbials (e.g. *Tucking the small photograph away*,...).

3. Maths: River Lengths



[] Research four UK rivers and record their lengths in kilometres as 4-digit numbers (or 3-digit). Order them from shortest to longest.

★ **Spicy Challenge:** State the value of each digit in your longest river, then find 1,000 more and 1,000 less.

4. Science: Creature Key



[] Create a branching classification key to sort four river animals: otter, heron, trout, and dragonfly. Use yes/no questions about their characteristics.

★ Spicy Challenge:

Identify which animals are **vertebrates** and which are **invertebrates**.

5. Art: Water Tones & Shades



[] Paint or sketch a river scene using watercolours. Experiment by adding black to create **shades** and white or extra water to create **tones** and tints.

★ Spicy Challenge:

Create a tonal bar with 5 steps showing the progression from deep dark water to clear foam.

6. R.E.: Sacred Waters



[] Find out why the River Ganga (Ganges) is sacred to Hindus. Write 3 key facts and explain how water is used during prayer or pilgrimage (puja).

★ Spicy Challenge:

Reflect on what natural place feels peaceful or special to you, and write two sentences explaining why.

7. English: Crossing the Sea



[] Write a 6-line sensory poem about travelling across rough water towards a safe new shore. Describe the sounds, spray, and the feeling of relief.

★ Spicy Challenge:

Include a simile and a metaphor that describe the sea and the dawn sky.

8. Science: River Habitats



[] Investigate how river plants and animals are adapted to survive fast-flowing currents. Present your findings as an illustrated fact-file.

★ Spicy Challenge:

Group your creatures into mammals, fish, amphibians, insects, and molluscs.

9. Maths: Rounding Rapids



[] The River Thames is 346 km long, the River Severn is 354 km, and the River Trent is 297 km. Round each length to the nearest 10 and nearest 100.

★ Spicy Challenge:

Create three 4-digit river mystery numbers using place value clues for someone at home to solve.