Rivers for Life

The visit should have made the children aware of the importance of a river like the Cuckmere and the following activities explore this by looking at the demands made on the river and the pressure which these can cause.

From the visit find out if the group remembers why the Cuckmere River is important.

They should remember the following reasons:

1. The river plays an important role in forming the landscape around it.

2. The river plays an important role in the water cycle;

3. The area around the river at the Seven Sisters Country Park is important for wildlife. The river also provides a wildlife corridor for animals to move from one area to another. Links between habitats are very important for the survival of different species of animals and plants.

4. The part of the river they visited at the Seven Sisters Country Park is important as a tourist area. The river provides an area for recreation.

5. Much of the land alongside the Cuckmere River is farm land.

6. The river is a resource and provides us with water, food, a means of transport, and a way of disposing of our waste products.

Look at each of these in more depth. Each heading forms a topic that can be explored with the class and practical activities to follow up.