**Mountains and Rivers**

Rivers

A river is a natural flowing watercourse that flows into oceans and lakes and is usually fresh water.

As a river flows downstream it keeps getting more and more water from other streams along the way and small rivers which are called tributaries, and also from added rainfall.

A river begins at its source, which can be more than one, and they flow through mountains, valley and plains.

The flow of a river is called a current, and they can change throughout the course of the river. It can be faster Going down a mountain and slower as it approaches the mouth, which is the end of the river.

Most of the world’s major cities are located near river banks.

**Well known Rivers in the World**

* The Nile. It is the longest river in the world reaching 6650 kilometres (4132 miles).
* The Amazon. The second longest river, and the widest in the world at 6404 kilometres (4000 miles).
* The Yangtze river is the longest river to run within one country China at 6300 kilometres (3915 miles).
* The Missouri is the longest in North America starting in the Rocky Mountains and is the 15th longest at 3763 kilometres (2341 miles)
* The Volga is the longest river in Europe beginning in Russia flowing out to the Caspian Sea. It is 3685 kilometres (2290 miles).
* The Congo is the 2nd longest in Africa but it is the deepest at 220 metres (720 feet).
* The Ganges is the national river of India and is considered holy. It runs for 2525 kilometres (1569 miles). It is one of the most historical rivers in the world.

**Mountains**

A mountain is a large landform that stretches above the surrounding land which is in a limited area.

The tallest mountain in the solar system is called Olympus mans, located on mars.

At least 80% of fresh water originates from mountains.

It is believed some gods like Zues, lived in mountains.

A mountains highest point is called a peak.

Some mountains form and faze when a volcano erupts again and again.

A few mountains are isolated summits, but most occur in huge mountain ranges.

**Well known mountains in the world**

\*Mount Everest, located=Himalayas it is 8848 metres and the tallest mountain in the world.

\*Tianmen Mountain, located=Hunan it is 1519 metres.

\*K2, located=china and Pakistan it is 8611 metres and has never been climbed.

\*Mount Koussi, located=the Sahara it is 3415 meters it has a creator of approximately 12 miles.

\*Ben Nevis, located=United Kingdom it is 1345 metres and is the highest mountain in Britain.

\*Mont Blanc, located=Russia it is 4804 metres

