

Remembering our Low Tide Walk in Deptford Creek

Creekside Animals
Deptford Creek is home to many animals. Swans nest on their special platform, crabs burrow in and out of the mud banks, eels swim from all the way across the Atlantic, and many fish spend their young lives in the flowing waters. Maybe you met some of them on your visit!

Can you name these Creek animals? Match the picture to the correct name.

1. 
2. 
3. 
4. 
5. 
6. 
7. 
8. 

- a. Flounder
- b. Mute Swan
- c. Freshwater Hoglouse
- d. Freshwater Shrimp
- e. Mallard duck
- f. European Eel
- g. Estuarine Prawn
- h. Chinese Mitten Crab

Wildlife Migration

This is an extract from *Think of an Eel* by Karen Wallace:

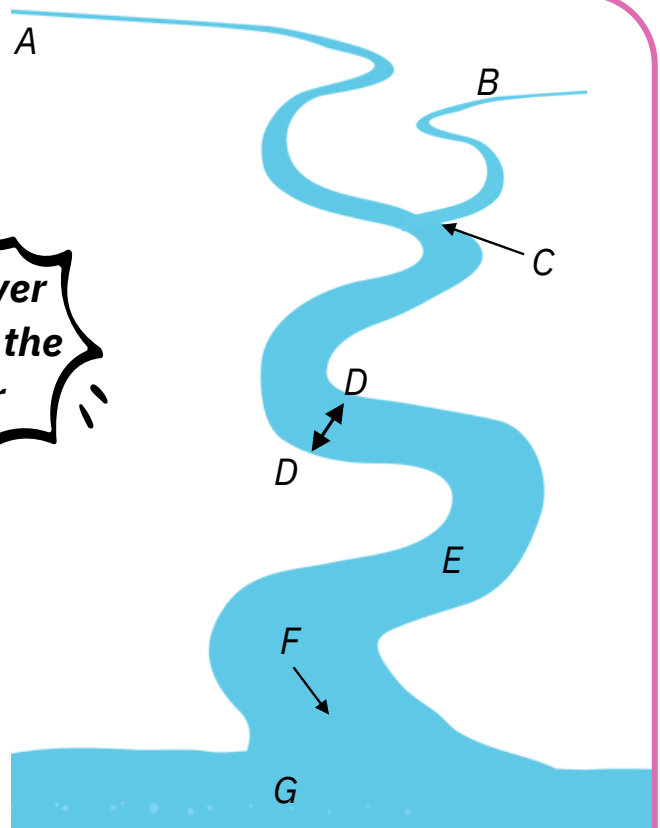
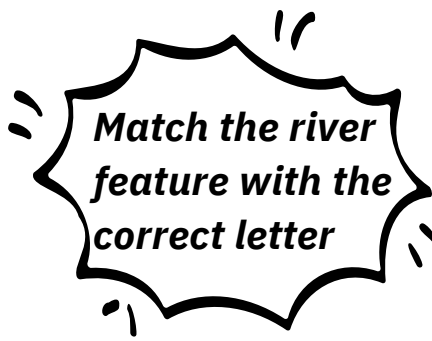
There's a warm, weedy sea
to the south of Bermuda.
It's called the Sargasso.
No wind ever blows there,
no sailing ships sail there.
For thousands of years there
a secret lay hidden:
this salt, soupy sea
is where eels are born.
Deep down where it's blackest,
eel egg becomes eel.
He looks like a willow leaf,
clear as a crystal.

Imagine you are a European Eel.
Write a story about your journey
to Deptford Creek. Who did you
meet? What dangers did you face?
What did it feel like when you
reached the Creek?



A Journey Down the River

Meander	
Mouth	
Tributary	
Source	
Confluence	
Flow	
Banks	



On your visit did you see anything in the river that doesn't belong there? Your task is to:

1. Make a list of objects that you saw in Deptford Creek or in the Discovery Centre.
2. Create a poster to highlight the problem of pollution in rivers. Use your experience in Deptford Creek as inspiration.

Travelling by Rail

Deptford's railway was the first in London to carry passengers!

1833

Permission for the Railway granted

April
1834

Construction begins

June
1835

Testing the railway begins

Feb
1836

London Bridge - Deptford section opens

This year is _____.

How many years ago was 1836? Do some subtraction to find out.



Imagine you were part of the team building the railway. Write a postcard to your family - include at least 3 facts!

Plaques like this one are a good source of historical information. Here are some other cool facts about the construction of the railway:

- The viaduct is made up of 878 brick arches running for 3.5 miles.
- Some arches were going to be houses, but they were too noisy and wet to live in.
- 600 men from England and Ireland worked on construction.

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