



UNLOCKING THE SEVERN

FREE VIRTUAL River Story Lesson

Are you a Key Stage 2 teacher looking for new ways to engage your pupils during lockdown?

Book a live interactive River Story today! The lesson will be delivered directly to your class via Zoom. It is completely FREE of charge thanks to the Unlocking the Severn project, and is delivered by our experienced Education Officer and qualified teacher, Rosie.



The Unlocking the Severn project is a once in a lifetime opportunity to restore connectivity on the UK's longest river. Restoring 158 miles of river for rare and endangered fish, it is a conservation and river-engagement project for people and wildlife.

THE RIVER STORY LESSON



Shad illustration by Steven Hall

Learn about the River Severn, its history, and the incredible journey of one of its annual visitors – the twaite shad fish! The lifecycle of this amazing creature brings it back to the waters of the Severn each year, where it encounters barriers in the river called weirs which block its migratory path. Unlocking the Severn is working hard to build fish passes (like ladders for fish!) to help shad and other species scale these weirs and continue their journey upstream.

Children will learn all about this through a fun and easy hand story, which will empower them to retell the tale of the shad themselves using only their own hands as props!

Lesson time: 45 minutes

So what are you waiting for?

For questions and bookings please contact:
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Learning Outcomes

- Name the stages in shad lifecycle.
- Describe the barriers to fish migration – human built weirs.
- Discover the role of modern engineers in designing solutions for fish migration.

Curriculum Links

- Science: Animals including humans, living things and their habitats, life cycles, STEM links including engineering.
- Geography: physical and human geography, water cycle.
- History: A local history study: weirs and local industry.

Extension Activities

The session can be followed up with our downloadable river learning packs. These cover a range of topics and are full of engaging learner-led activities that can be done in the classroom or at home.

<https://www.unlockingthesevern.co.uk/get-involved/fun-and-learning/>

This session is most relevant to schools within the project area of the river Severn. However, the wonder of technology now allows us to reach further afield, so if you are interested in this amazing project do get in touch!



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