Threshold Concept	Milestone 1 Year 1 & 2	Milestone 2 Year 3 & 4	Milestone 3 Year 5 & 6
Investigate places	Ask and answer	 Ask and answer 	 Collect and analyse
This concept involves	geographical questions	geographical questions	statistics and
understanding the	(such as: What is this	about the physical and	other information in
geographical location	place like? What or who	human characteristics of	order to draw clear
of places and their	will I see in this place?	a location.	conclusions about
physical and human	What do people do in this		locations.
features.	place?).	 Explain own views 	
		about locations, giving	 Identify and describe
	 Identify the key features 	reasons.	how the physical
	of a location in order		features affect the
	to say whether it is a city,	 Use maps, atlases, 	human activity within a
	town, village, coastal	globes and	location.
	or rural area.	digital/computer mapping	
		to locate countries and	• Use a range of
	• Use world maps, atlases	describe features.	geographical resources
	and globes to identify the		to give detailed
	United Kingdom and its	 Use fieldwork to 	descriptions and
	countries, as well as the	observe and record the	opinions of
	countries, continents and	human and physical	the characteristic
	oceans studied.	features in the local area	features of a location.
		using a range of methods	
	• Use simple fieldwork	including sketch maps,	 Use different types of
	and observational skills	plans and graphs and	fieldwork
	to study the geography of	digital technologies.	sampling (random and
	the school and the		systematic) to observe,
	key human and physical	 Use a range of 	measure and record the
	features of its	resources to identify the	human and physical
	surrounding environment.	key physical and human	features in the local
		features of a location.	area. Record the results
	 Use aerial images and 		in a range of ways.
	plan perspectives		
	to recognise landmarks		 Analyse and give views
			on the effectiveness

	and basic physical	Name and locate	of different geographical
	features.	counties and cities of the	representations of
	No In	United	a location (such as aerial
	Name, locate and	Kinadan saasuadisal	images compared
	identify characteristics of	Kingdom, geographical	with maps and
	the four countries and	regions and	topological maps - as in
	capital cities of the	their identifying human	London's Tube map).
	United Kingdom and its	and physical	No
	surrounding seas.	characteristics, including	Name and locate some
		hills, mountains, cities,	of the countries
	Name and locate the	rivers, key topographical	and cities of the world
	world's continents	features and land-use	and their identifying
	and oceans.	patterns; and understand	human and physical
		how some of these	characteristics, including
		aspects have changed	hills, mountains, rivers,
		over time.	key topographical
			features and land-use
		Name and locate the	patterns; and
		countries of Europe	understand how some
		and identify their main	of these aspects have
		physical and	changed over time.
		human characteristics.	
			Name and locate the
			countries of North
			and South America and
			identify their main
			physical and human
			characteristics.
Investigate patterns	 Understand 	Name and locate the	 Identify and describe
This concept involves	geographical similarities	Equator,	the
understanding the	and differences through	Northern Hemisphere,	geographical significance
relationships between	studying the human	Southern Hemisphere,	of latitude, longitude,
the physical features	and physical geography of	the Tropics of Cancer and	Equator, Northern
of places and the	a small area of the	Capricorn, Arctic and	Hemisphere, Southern
human activity within	United Kingdom and of a	Antarctic Circle and date	Hemisphere, the Tropics

them, and the appreciation of how t	contrasting non-European country. Identify seasonal and daily weather patterns in the United Kingdom and the location of hot and cold areas of the world in relation to the Equator and the North and South Poles. Identify land use around the school.	time zones. Describe some of the characteristics of these geographical areas. • Describe geographical similarities and differences between countries. • Describe how the locality of the school has changed over time.	of Cancer and Capricorn, Arctic and Antarctic Circle, and time zones (including day and night). • Understand some of the reasons for geographical similarities and differences between countries. • Describe how locations around the world are changing and explain some of the reasons for change. • Describe geographical diversity across the world. • Describe how countries and geographical regions are interconnected and interdependent.
Communicate geographically This concept involves understanding geographical representations,	 Use basic geographical vocabulary to refer to: key physical features, including: beach, coast, forest, hill, mountain, 	 Describe key aspects of: physical geography, including: rivers, mountains, volcanoes and 	 Describe and understand key aspects of: physical geography, including: climate zones, biomes and vegetation

vocabulary and	ocean, river, soil, valley,	earthquakes and the	belts, rivers, mountains,
techniques.	vegetation and weather.	water cycle.	volcanoes and
			earthquakes and the
	• key human features,	human geography,	water cycle.
	including: city, town,	including:	
	village, factory, farm,	settlements and land use.	 human geography,
	house, office and shop.		including:
		• Use the eight points of a	settlements, land use,
	 Use compass directions 	compass, four-figure grid	economic activity
	(north, south, east	references, symbols and	including trade links, and
	and west) and locational	key to	the distribution of
	language (e.g. near and	communicate knowledge	natural resources
	far) to describe the	of the United Kingdom	including energy, food,
	location of features and	and the wider world.	minerals, and water
	routes on a map.		supplies.
	 Devise a simple map; 		• Use the eight points of
	and use and		a compass, four-
	construct basic symbols in		figure grid references,
	a key. Use simple		symbols and a key (that
	grid references (A1, B1).		uses standard Ordnance
			Survey symbols)
			to communicate
			knowledge of the United
			Kingdom and the world.
			 Create maps of
			locations identifying
			patterns (such as: land
			use, climate zones,
			population densities,
			height of land).