An EYFS Geographer will:



Threshold Concepts	Learning	Vocabulary
Investigate Places This concept involves	Describe their immediate environment using knowledge from observation, discussion, stories, non-fiction texts and maps Name the village/town/city where they live and know that this is in England	Town, village, city, country, path, house, Wellingborough, Fields, River, hills, church, shop, park, countryside, England, city, town, village, London,
understanding the geographical location of places and their	Discuss other significant places that are familiar.	Morecambe, Lancaster, Heysham,
human and physical features	Begin to identify some similarities and differences between life in this country and life in other countries, drawing on knowledge for stories, non-fiction texts and (when appropriate) maps.	
	Explore questions such as:	
	Place; What is it like here? What can I do here? How do I feel about it? What is special about it?	
	Space: Where am I? How do I get there? Is it near or far?	
	Change: How is this similar to and different from other places? How and why does this place change over time?	

	Environment; What other animals and plants live here? Environment What other animals and plants live here? Scale How big is an ant's home? Making connections Where does my lunch come from?	
Investigate Patterns	Understand some important process and changes in the natural	Weather, Rain, shower, drizzle, puddles,
This concept involves	world around them, including the seasons. Describe what happens in different seasons and appropriate clothing	splash, wet, soaked, thunder, lightning, storm, hail, snow, ice, frost, sleet, cool,
understanding geographical representations, vocabulary and	used. Identify different types of weather and link to seasons.	cold, freezing, sun, warm, hot, heat, clouds, rainbow.
techniques		Winter, Spring, Summer, Autumn, Months, Year
Communicate Geographically This concept involves understanding geographical representations, vocabulary and techniques	Be able to communicate a simple route and represent this using different mediums such as through sand, journey stick, small world play and paper. Begin to understand that places can be represented on maps including a globe.	World, country, route, map, globe, directions.

A Year 1 Geographer will:



Threshold Concepts	Learning	Vocabulary
Investigate Places	Ask and answer geographical questions (such as: What is this place like? What or who will I see in this place? What do people do in this place?).	Country, capital, England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland,
This concept involves understanding the geographical location of places and their human and physical features	Identify the key features of a location in order to say whether it is a city, town, village, coastal or rural area. Use world maps, atlases and globes to identify the United Kingdom and its countries. Begin to name and locate the world's continents. Use simple fieldwork and observational skills to study the geography of the school and the key human and physical features of its surrounding environment. Use aerial images and plan perspectives to recognise landmarks and basic physical features.	Europe, Oceania, North and South America, Antarctica, Asia, Africa beach, coast, forest, hill, mountain, ocean, river, city, town, village, house, shop.

Investigate Patterns This concept involves understanding geographical representations, vocabulary and techniques	Understand geographical similarities and differences through studying the human and physical geography of a small area of the United Kingdom and of a 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. Identify land use around the school.	sunny, cloudy, rain, snow, windy, thunder, heatwave, drought, flood, monsoon, blizzard, gale, hurricane and tornado
This concept involves understanding geographical representations, vocabulary and techniques	Use basic geographical vocabulary to refer to: key physical features, including: beach, coast, forest, hill, mountain, ocean, river, soil, valley, vegetation and weather. key human features, including: city, town, village, factory, farm, house, office and shop. Use compass directions (north, south, east and west) and locational language (e.g. near and far) to describe the location of features and routes on a map. Devise a simple map; and use and construct basic symbols in a key	beach, coast, forest, hill, mountain, ocean, river, city, town, village, house, shop. Key, symbols, map, route

A Year 2 Geographer will:



Threshold Concepts	Learning	Vocabulary
Investigate Places	Ask and answer geographical questions (such as: What is this place like? What or who will I see in this place? What do people do in this place?).	North America, South America, Antarctica, Africa, Europe, Asia, Australia, Pacific Ocean, Atlantic Ocean, Indian
This concept involves understanding the geographical location of places and their human and physical features	Identify the key features of a location in order to say whether it is a city, town, village, coastal or rural area. Use world maps, atlases and globes to identify the United Kingdom and its countries. Name, locate and identify characteristics of the four countries and capital cities of the United Kingdom and it's countries.	Ocean, Southern Ocean and Arctic Ocean Country, capital, England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland, Belfast, Cardiff, Edinburgh, London Atlantic, Pacific, Indian, Southern, Arctic ocean
	Name and locate all of the world's continents and oceans. Use simple fieldwork and observational skills to study the geography of the school and the key human and physical features of its surrounding environment.	beach, coast, forest, hill, mountain, ocean, river, weather, soil valley and vegetation. Human features including: city, town, village, house, shop, farm, factory and office.

	Use aerial images and plan perspectives to recognise landmarks and basic physical features.	
Investigate Patterns This concept involves understanding geographical representations, vocabulary and techniques	Understand geographical similarities and differences through studying the human and physical geography of a small area of the United Kingdom (Lancaster/Morecambe) and of a contrasting non-European country (Australia including; Aboriginal people, animals and physical/human characteristics). Identify the location of hot and cold areas of the world in relation to the Equator and the North and South Poles. Know location of Polar, Tropical (equatorial) and desert Climates Identify land use around the school.	temperature, climate, weather, polar and tropical to describe a location Climate, weather
Communicate Geographically This concept involves understanding geographical representations, vocabulary and techniques	Use basic geographical vocabulary to refer to: key physical features, including: beach, coast, forest, hill, mountain, ocean, river, soil, valley, vegetation and weather. key human features, including: city, town, village, factory, farm, house, office and shop. Use compass directions (north, south, east and west) and locational language (e.g. near and far) to describe the location of features and routes on a map. Devise a simple map; and use and construct basic symbols in a key. Use simple grid references (A1, B1)	beach, coast, forest, hill, mountain, ocean, river, soil, valley, vegetation and weather. city, town, village, factory, farm, house, office and shop. Compass north, south, east and west direction

A Year 3 Geographer will:



Threshold Concepts	Learning	Vocabulary
	Ask and answer geographical questions about the physical and human characteristics of a location.	equator, northern hemisphere,
Investigate Places		southern hemisphere, The tropics of
	Explain own views about locations (including Morecambe, Heysham,	Cancer and Capricorn, Arctic and
This concept involves	Lancaster) giving reasons.	Antarctic
understanding the		continents, land mass, population,
geographical location of	Use maps, atlases, globes and digital/computer mapping to locate	river, mountain range, volcano,
places and their human and	countries of Europe and describe some human and physical features.	earthquake, lake, desert,
physical features	Use fieldwork to observe and record the human and physical features in the local area using a range of methods including sketch maps, plans and digital technologies.	congestion, pollution, network, national, international
	Use a range of resources to identify the key physical and human	County, Lancashire
	features of a location.	
	Begin to name and locate counties (incl. Lancashire, Yorkshire and Cumbria) and cities of the United Kingdom, geographical regions and their identifying human and physical characteristics, including hills, mountains, cities, rivers.	Country, Europe, capital city

	Name and locate the countries of Europe and identify their main physical and human characteristics including population and tourism.	
Investigate Patterns This concept involves understanding geographical representations, vocabulary and techniques	Name and locate the Equator, Northern Hemisphere, Southern Hemisphere, the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn, Arctic and Antarctic Circle. Describe some of the characteristics of these geographical areas including links to weather and climate as learned in Year 2. Describe some geographical similarities and differences between countries. Identify mountain ranges UK and Europe Describe earth's structure and what plate tectonics are Explain physical features of volcanoes and earthquakes Locate, label and describe the Pacific Ring of Fire	Equator, Northern Hemisphere, Southern Hemisphere, the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn, Arctic and Antarctic Circle
Communicate Geographically	Describe some key aspects of:	rivers, mountains, volcanoes and
This concept involves understanding geographical	physical geography, including: rivers, mountains, volcanoes and earthquakes and the water cycle.	earthquakes and the water cycle. settlements and land use.
representations, vocabulary and techniques	human geography, including: settlements and land use. Continue to use 4 points of a compass and begin to use the eight	North, north east, north west, south, south east, south west, east and west
	points of a compass, symbols and key to communicate knowledge of the United Kingdom and the wider world.	compass

A Year 4 Geographer will:



Threshold Concepts	Learning	Vocabulary
	Ask and answer geographical questions about the physical and	continents, land mass, population,
Investigate Places	human characteristics of a location.	inhabitants and boundary, dormant,
	Explain own views about locations, giving reasons.	collision, magnitude, intensity, plates
This concept involves	Explain own views about locations, giving reasons.	when describing volcanoes,
understanding the	Use maps, atlases, globes and digital/computer mapping to locate	earthquakes and tsunamis
geographical location of	countries and describe features.	
places and their human and		river bed, source, mouth, channel,
physical features	Use fieldwork to observe and record the human and physical features in the local area using a range of methods including sketch	summit, mountain range
	maps, plans and graphs and digital technologies.	
	Use a range of resources to identify the key physical and human	
	features of a location.	
	Name and locate counties and cities of the United Kingdom,	
	geographical regions and their identifying human and physical	
	characteristics, including hills, mountains, cities, rivers,	
	key topographical features and land-use patterns; and understand	
	how some of these aspects have changed over time.	

Investigate Patterns	Name and locate the Equator, Northern Hemisphere, Southern Hemisphere, the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn, Arctic and	equator, northern hemisphere,
This concept involves understanding geographical representations, vocabulary and techniques	Antarctic Circle, Arctic and Antarctic Circle and date time zones. Describe some of the characteristics of these geographical areas. Describe some of the characteristics of these geographical areas including links to weather and climate as learned in Year 2.	southern hemisphere, The tropics of Cancer and Capricorn, Arctic and Antarctic circle
·	Describe some geographical similarities and differences between countries.	
	Describe transportation types and advantages and disadvantages of these in cities.	
	Describe some transportation routes nationally and internationally	
	Understand processes involved in river erosion and deposition	
Communicate Geographically	Describe some key aspects of:	rivers, mountains, volcanoes and earthquakes and the water cycle.
This concept involves understanding geographical	physical geography, including: rivers, mountains, volcanoes and earthquakes and the water cycle.	settlements and land use.
representations, vocabulary and techniques	human geography, including: settlements and land use. Use eight points of a compass, four figure grid references, symbols and a key to communicate knowledge of the United Kingdom and the wider world.	North, north east, north west, south, south east, south west, east and west
		Compass, map, key, symbols
	Locate world's main rivers	
	Locate main rivers in Europe and countries of UK Label cross section of a river and describe it's shape	Co-ordinates

Continue to use 4 points of a compass and begin to use the eight	
points of a compass, symbols and key to communicate knowledge	
of the United Kingdom and the wider world.	

A Year 5 Geographer will:



Threshold Concepts	Learning	Vocabulary
	Collect and analyse statistics and other information in order to	colonised, indigenous, populous, sparsely,
Investigate Places	draw clear conclusions about locations.	landlocked, landmass
	Identify and describe how the physical features affect the human	tropical, temperate, deciduous, desert,
This concept involves	activity within a location.	tundra, savannah, marine, freshwater,
understanding the		polar, precipitation, expansive, ecosystem,
geographical location of	Use a range of geographical resources to give detailed descriptions	migration, when describing particular
places and their human and	and opinions of the characteristic features of a location.	biomes.
physical features	Use fieldwork to observe and measure the human and physical	climate zones, biomes, vegetation belts,
	features of the local area and record results.	rivers, mountains, volcanoes, earthquakes,
		settlements and land use.
	Describe how the locality of the school has changed over time.	
		equator, northern hemisphere, southern
	Analyse and give views on the effectiveness of different geographical representations of a location (such as aerial images	hemisphere, The tropics of Cancer and
	compared with different types maps).	Capricorn, Arctic and Antarctic circle
	Name and locate some of the countries and cities of the world and	
	their identifying human and physical characteristics, including	
	hills, mountains, rivers, key topographical features and land-use	

Investigate Patterns This concept involves understanding geographical representations, vocabulary and techniques	patterns; and understand how some of these aspects have changed over time. Name and locate the countries of North America and identify their main physical and human characteristics. Name and describe some of the world's biomes Describe the geographical significance of latitude, longitude, Equator, Northern Hemisphere, Southern Hemisphere, the Tropics 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 begin to explain some of the reasons for change.	latitude, longitude, Equator, Northern Hemisphere, Southern Hemisphere, the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn, Arctic and Antarctic Circle, and time zones
Communicate Geographically This concept involves understanding geographical representations, vocabulary and techniques	Describe and understand key aspects of: physical geography, including: climate zones, biomes and vegetation belts, rivers, mountains, volcanoes and earthquakes and the water cycle. human geography, including: settlements, land use, economic activity including trade links, and the distribution of	climate zones, biomes and vegetation belts, rivers, mountains, volcanoes and earthquakes and the water cycle. settlements, land use, economic activity including trade links, and the distribution of natural resources including energy, food, minerals, and water supplies.

natural resources including energy, food, minerals, and water	Four-figure grid references
Use the eight points of a compass, four-figure grid references, symbols and a key to communicate knowledge of the United Kingdom and/or the world.	North, north east, north west, south, south east, south west, east and west Compass, map, key, symbols
Create maps of locations and begin to identify patterns (such as: land use, climate zones, population densities, height of land of North America).	

A Year 6 Geographer will:



Threshold Concepts	Learning	Vocabulary
Investigate Places	Collect and analyse statistics and other information in order to draw clear conclusions about locations.	international, destination, cargo, tourism, import, export, natural
This concept involves understanding the	Identify and describe how the physical features affect the human activity within a location.	resources, air travel, sea freight, shipments, pollution, network settlements, land use, economic
geographical location of places and their human and physical features	Use a range of geographical resources to give detailed descriptions and opinions of the characteristic features of a location.	activity including trade links, the distribution of natural resources including food, energy, minerals,
	Use different types of fieldwork sampling (random and systematic) to observe, measure and record the human and physical features in the local area. Record the results in a range of ways.	water supplies, climate zones, biomes, vegetation belts, rivers, mountains, volcanoes and earthquakes.
	Analyse and give views on the effectiveness of different geographical representations of a location (such as aerial images compared with maps and topological maps - as in London's Tube map).	equator, northern hemisphere, southern hemisphere, The tropics of Cancer and Capricorn, Arctic and Antarctic circle
	Name and locate some of the countries and cities of the world and their identifying human and physical characteristics, including	

	hills, mountains, rivers, key topographical features and land-use patterns; and understand how some of these aspects have changed over time. Name and locate the countries of South America and identify their main physical and human characteristics. Name and describe some of the world's biomes	
Investigate Patterns This concept involves understanding geographical representations, vocabulary and techniques	Identify and describe the geographical significance of latitude, longitude, Equator, Northern Hemisphere, Southern Hemisphere, the Tropics 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.	of latitude, longitude, Equator, Northern Hemisphere, Southern Hemisphere, the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn, Arctic and Antarctic Circle, and time zones (including day and night). Diversity, region
Communicate Geographically	Describe and understand key aspects of:	climate zones, biomes and vegetation belts, rivers, mountains,

This concept involves understanding geographical representations, vocabulary and techniques

physical geography, including: climate zones, biomes and vegetation belts, rivers, mountains, volcanoes and earthquakes and the water cycle.

human geography, including: settlements, land use, economic activity including trade links, and the distribution of natural resources including energy, food, minerals, and water supplies.

Use the eight points of a compass, six-figure grid references, symbols and a key (that 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) of South America.

volcanoes and earthquakes and the water cycle.

settlements, land use, economic activity including trade links, and the distribution of natural resources including energy, food, minerals, and water supplies.

land use, climate zones, population densities, topography