OUR CITY, OUR WORLD CONCEPTUAL MILESTONES AND KEY VOCABULARY

Mapping conceptual development within the curriculum

End of Reception/Yr 1

Key Concepts	Year Group/Term/Subject/Assembly
Environment	
Planet	
Earth	
Nature	
Wildlife	
Plants	
Habitat	
Wood	
Forest	
Energy	
Recycle	
Reuse	
Pollution	
Rubbish	
Waste	
Rewilding	

End of Year 2		
Key Concepts	Year Group/Term/Subject/Assembly	
Local/global environment		
Weather		
Climate		
Environment		
Global warming		
Monoculture		
Biodiversity		
Extinction		
Rewilding		
Wood wide web		
Conservation		
Living coast		
South Downs National Park		
Energy		
Waste		
Consumption		
Pollution		
By end of Year 4		
Key Concepts	Year Group/Term/Subject/Assembly	
Climate change		
Atmosphere		
Greenhouse effect		
Greenhouse gas emissions		

Carbon		
Carbon emissions		
Carbon dioxide		
Carbon cycle		
Natural resources		
Fossil fuels		
Renewable energy		
Sustainability		
Deforestation		
Soil degradation		
Adaptation		
Natural solution		
Cycles		
Systems		
UNESCO Urban Biosphere		
By the end of Year 6		
Key Concepts	Year Group/Term/Subject/Assembly	
Carbon footprint		
Climate emergency		
Tipping points		
Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change		
Ecosystems		
Climate justice		
Carbon sinks		
Permaculture		

Positive feedback loops		
Greenwashing		
Trophic cascading		
Carbon neutral		
Net zero		
By the end of Year 9		
Key Concepts	Year Group/Term/Subject/Assembly	
Carbon drawdown		
Carbon capture and storage		
Climate debt / climate reparations		
Climate denial		
Computer model		
Climate feedback		
Mass extinction		
Exponential growth		
Permaculture design principles		
By the end of Year 11		
Key Concepts	Year Group/Term/Subject/Assembly	
Confirmation bias		
Peer review		
Geoengineering		
Just transition		
Mitigation		
Adaptation		