## LANGUAGES THRESHOLD CONCEPTS and MILESTONES FROM CHRIS QUIGLEY ESSENTIALS

Threshold concepts	Milestone 1 Year 1 & 2	Milestone 2 Year 3 & 4	Milestone 3 Year 5 & 6
Read fluently This concept involves recognising key vocabulary and phrases.	<ul> <li>Milestone 1 (optional)</li> <li>Read out loud everyday words and phrases.</li> <li>Use phonic (or logographic in Mandarin) knowledge to read words.</li> <li>Read and understand short written phrases.</li> <li>Read out loud familiar words and phrases.</li> <li>Use books or glossaries to find out the meanings of new words.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Read and understand the main points in short written texts.</li> <li>Read short texts independently.</li> <li>Use a translation dictionary or glossary to look up new words.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Read and understand the main points and some of the detail in short written texts.</li> <li>Use the context of a sentence or a translation dictionary to work out the meaning of unfamiliar words.</li> <li>Read and understand the main points and opinions in written texts from various contexts, including present, past or future events.</li> <li>Show confidence in reading aloud, and in using reference materials.</li> </ul>
Write imaginatively This concept involves using key vocabulary and phrases to write ideas.	<ul> <li>Write or copy everyday words correctly.</li> <li>Label items and choose appropriate words to complete short sentences.</li> <li>Write one or two short sentences.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Write a few short sentences using familiar expressions.</li> <li>Express personal experiences and responses.</li> <li>Write short phrases from memory with spelling that is readily understandable.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Write short texts on familiar topics.</li> <li>Use knowledge of grammar (or pitch in Mandarin)</li> <li>to enhance or change the meaning of phrases.</li> </ul>

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	• Write short phrases used in everyday conversations correctly.		<ul> <li>Use dictionaries or glossaries to check words.</li> <li>Refer to recent experiences or future plans, as well as to everyday activities.</li> <li>Include imaginative and adventurous word choices.</li> <li>Convey meaning (although there may be some mistakes, the meaning can be understood with little or no difficulty).</li> <li>Use dictionaries or glossaries to check words.</li> </ul>
<b>Speak confidently</b> This concept involves using key vocabulary and phrases to verbally communicate ideas.	<ul> <li>Understand a range of spoken phrases.</li> <li>Understand standard language (sometimes asking for words or phrases to be repeated).</li> <li>Answer simple questions and give basic information.</li> <li>Give responses to questions about everyday events.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Understand the main points from spoken passages.</li> <li>Ask others to repeat words or phrases if necessary.</li> <li>Ask and answer simple questions and talk about interests.</li> <li>Take part in discussions and tasks.</li> <li>Demonstrate a growing vocabulary.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Understand the main points and opinions in spoken passages.</li> <li>Give a short prepared talk that includes opinions.</li> <li>Take part in conversations to seek and give information.</li> <li>Refer to recent experiences or future plans, everyday activities and interests.</li> </ul>

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	• Pronounce words showing a knowledge of sound (or pitch in Mandarin) patterns.		<ul> <li>Vary language and produce extended responses.</li> <li>Be understood with little or no difficulty.</li> </ul>
Understand the culture of the countries in which the language is spoken This concept involves the background knowledge and cultural capital needed to infer meaning from interaction	<ul> <li>Identify countries and communities where the language is spoken.</li> <li>Demonstrate some knowledge and understanding of the customs and features of the countries or communities where the language is spoken.</li> <li>Show awareness of the social conventions when speaking to someone.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Describe with some interesting details some aspects of countries or communities where the language is spoken.</li> <li>Make comparisons between life in countries or communities where the language is spoken and this country.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Give detailed accounts of the customs, history and culture of the countries and communities where the language is spoken.</li> <li>Describe, with interesting detail, some similarities and differences between countries and communities where the language is spoken and this country.</li> </ul>