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Subject	Autumn A	Autumn B	Spring A	Spring B	Summer A	Summer B
English	Old English – history of the English language	Novel – used as a writing stimulus (Holes or a similar text)	Shakespeare - A Midsummer Night's Dream or The Tempest	Issues and debates – Non-fiction based unit of study	Novel - The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas	Poetry – various poems for analysis and creative stimulus.
Maths	Number patterns, time, money, shape properties, perimeter and area of rectangles and triangles, bar and tally charts, averages	Highest Common Factor and Lowest Common Multiples, primes, squares, roots, probability	Fractions, four operations, simplifying, identify angles, measuring angles, angle facts	Plans and elevations, construction of triangles, transformations, volume, 3D shapes	Algebra, coordinates, pie charts, percentage	Fractions, decimals, percentage, area, perimeter, volume
Science	1) Safety and Techniques 2) Separating Mixtures	1) Cells and Microbes 2) Forensics	1) Cells and Microbes 2) Forensics	1) The Periodic Table 2) Acids and Alkalis	1) Forces 2) Organ Systems	1) Reproduction 2) Sport Science
Languages French	1) Phonics in French 2) Introductions	1) Personal information 2) Christmas	1) Family 2) Pets	1) Describing people 2) Food and drink	1) Hobbies 2) Telling the time	1) Stories 2) Songs - Francovision competition
PSHE	Starting Secondary School	Starting Secondary School	Road Safety	Mental Health Awareness	Puberty and RSE	Puberty and RSE
RE	Christianity - Picturing Jesus	Sikhism - Beliefs and concepts	Islam - Islamophobia	Buddhism - Introduction to Buddhism and stilling	Christianity - Who am I? Who will I be?	Right or Wrong? Exploring a moral issue.
History		1) What did the Romans do for us? 2) Why was 1066 a turning point in English history?		1) Were monarchs all-powerful in the Medieval Period? 2) What can Medieval death tell us about Medieval life?		1) What was Henry VIII's great matter? 2) Who was the greatest Tudor monarch?
Geography	1) What is Geography all about? 2) How does climate vary across the world?		1) What and where are the British Isles? 2) How can I use a map to help me navigate and understand my local area?		1) Why do tectonic hazards happen? 2) How can I explore my local area?	
Computing	1) E-safety – Social Network Guidance & Cyberbullying 2) Kodu – Introduction to programming		1) Models - Learning how to create and manipulate models for different situations 2) Micro:bit – Developing programming knowledge and learning how to use touch develop editor		1) Computer components - Learning about hardware and software components 2) History of computers and Cryptography	

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Art, Design & Technology		Art - Line: Continuous Line Drawing; Observation line drawing/form; Abstract line drawing; Positive/negative spaces. - Tone: Tonal Chart; Rendering, shade/tint and tone; Observation drawing/form; Painting tone using hues; Monochrome technique.		Food Technology: - What equipment do we use in the food room and how do we keep food safe? - Food Preparation and Nutrition		Art - Texture: Different textures/mark making; Artists who create texture in their work; Graffiti tags; Clay tiles. - Pattern: Patterns found in nature and in man made objects.
Music	The Elements of Music	Christmas CD	World Music	Guitars	Band Skills	Film Music
PE	1) Football/Hockey 2) Badminton		1) Gymnastics/Dance 2) Fitness		1) Athletics 2) Rounders	