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Subject	Content
Art	Totem poles: To learn new techniques in oil pastel, adding tone and texture. Appreciating other cultures and beliefs while studying non-UK based artists. Experimenting with pattern work to enhance shape and composition using a large range of materials.
Computing	Data and Data Representation - Data Representation Text, Images & Sounds
DT Product Design	Product- Be Seen Project and Headphone holder driving testKnowledge of materials and manufacturing:Using risk assessment tablesAdvanced Hegner saw and sander skills developed while mould makingIntroduction to electronics, learning solderingSublimating and forming thermoplasticsSimple electronic components and their functionsHow the circuit is powered and controlled.
DT Food	Food- Nutrition for LifeKnowledge of materials and manufacturing:Develop a greater knowledge of a wider range of specific nutrients and where they can be found in food. GelatinisationIncrease knowledge of cooking methods — rubbing inMake an increasing complex range of dishesInvestigate the role of different sugars in the sensory analysis of a simple cake recipeWhat is a staple foods. Safe storage of foodKnowledge of design:Draw and label ideas for productsEvaluate using star profiles and a greater range of sensory descriptors
DT Textiles	Textiles- Knowledge of materials and manufacturing:More complex construction techniquesApplying elastic Precision construction and decorative techniquesMore advance decorative techniquesKnowledge of design:Using a theme to inspire designs
English	Introduction to the Novel Introduction to the novel. Extracts from early novels. Of Mice and Men – John Steinbeck 3: Analysis

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	4: Structure & coherence 6: SPaG 7: Spelling BV = Democracy
French	Module 3: A loisir Hobbies/free time
German	Unit 3 Bleib gesund! - Healthy living
Geography	What is Africa like? How big is it? How diverse are its people and landscapes? What challenges does the continent face and why? Into Africa
History	the development of Church, state and society in Britain 1509-1745 - Why did Civil War happen? BV = Democracy
Maths	Algebraic Techniques: Brackets, Equations and Inequalities, Sequences, Indices
Music	Classical Music - Mozart, Haydn & Beethoven Fur Elise performance Classical Genres inc string quartet, concerto, symphony Theme & variations composition
PE	Healthy, active, lifestyle, Decisions, Coaching (analysing & evaluating) - Netball, Badminton, Gym, Fitness & Dance.
RE	Sacred Earth - Sacred Earth, Pachamama, Creation Stories
Science	Respiration: Aerobic Respiration, Anaerobic Respiration & Fermentation, Effects of Exercise, Heart Structure Blood vessels,
	Composite Materials: Limestone , Thermal decomposition of calcium carbonate, The limestone cycle, Mortar and Concrete,
	Heating and Cooling: Heat energy and temperature, Radiation, The penguin experiment, Conduction, Convection, The Thermos flask

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