Semi-Formal Curriculum Theme Overview – Key Stage 2, 3 and 4



Year A

	Autumn	Spring	Summer
Lower Key Stage 2	Festivals and Light	Superheroes (and Super Events)	My Environment (UK and Blackburn)
Upper Key Stage 2	People and Festivals	Amazing Experiments	Explore!
Key Stage 3	Upcycle, Recycle and Create	Local Area Study	Science Fair
Key Stage 4	World Art and Artists	The Eco-Apprentice	Science Fair

Year B

	Autumn	Spring	Summer
Lower Key Stage 2	Healthy Inside and Out	Light and Dark/ Day and Night	Improve My World
Upper Key Stage 2	Creative People	What makes the world go round?	Garden Party
Key Stage 3	Performance!	Farm to Fork	Local Area Past and Present
Key Stage 4	Carnival	Asia	Ready, Steady, Cook

Year A – Lower Key Stage 2



Lower KS2	Autı	umn	Spr	ing	Summer	
Theme Title	Festivals :	and Light	Superheroes a	nd Super Events	My Environment (B	ackburn and the UK)
Curriculum Area focus	Community and the wider Expressive Arts and Design		Community and the Wide Around Us) Personal, social emotiona	·	Community and the wider Around Us)	world (The World
English A range of texts/ genres are explored each half term – the genre is the main focus	Non-Fiction Little people big dreams: Nikola Tesla Steve Jobs Rosalind Franklin Albert Einstein Mary Anning Charles Darwen Stephen Hawking Alan Turing Writing autobiographies	Fiction The little glow Snowball The Christmas Pine The Christmas Eve Tree Writing for different purposes- letters Post office role play	Poetry- acrostic and calligram (shape poetry) Doctor Foster Rain, rain, go away It's raining, it's pouring I hear thunder Pitter, patter raindrops	Fiction – popular, contemporary fiction Themes and conventions in these books Supertato, Superworm There's a superhero in your book, Superheroes don't get scared or do they? Knock knock superhero 10 little superheroes Creating settings, characters and plots	Robin Hood King Arthur St George St Andrew St David St Patrick Writing to explain and describe	Non-Fiction The big book of the blue The Tree book Do you love bugs? Lifesize baby animals Do baby elephants suck their trunks? Monkey puzzle Writing to describe Writing a science investigation (cross curricular link)
Communication- thematic vocabulary focus	Things in my home	Seasonal	Weather	Feelings	Greetings	Minibeasts
Mathematical Understanding		See separate medium term plan				

Year A – Lower Key Stage 2



Lower KS2	Autumn		Spi	Spring		nmer
Physical Developmen t	Games- throwing and catching	Gymnastics - Movement	Games- Bat and Ball	Invasion Games- Fundamentals	Games- Sports Day	Outdoor Adventure Dance
Expressive Arts and Design	Art – creating Music – Perform		materials		Music – range of genres from around the world Art – Natural world sculpture	
PSED	The World I Live In – belonging to a community Self Awareness- Playing and working together Healthy Lifestyles- Taking care of physical health		Self-Awareness, kind and unkind behaviours, working and playing together Self-care Support and safety - Keeping safe and taking care of ourselves The world I live in- Jobs people o			ing after the environment care of ourselves
RE	Why are festivals important to religious communities? Rosh Hashanah/Sukkot/Diwa	What do Christians believe about God?	Why is the Bible important for Christians today?	Why are festivals important to religious communities? Holi/Easter	What do Hindus believe about God?	Why do people pray? Christians/Muslims/Hindus

Year A – Upper Key Stage 2



Upper KS2	Aut	umn	Spi	ring	Sum	mer
Theme Title	People an	d festivals	Amazing E	Amazing Experiments Explore!		ore!
Curriculum Area focus	Personal, social emotional Citizenship) Expressive Arts and Designathe wider world (history)	, , ,	Community and the Wide	r World (Science)	Community and the wider Geography)	world (science,
English A range of texts/ genres are explored each half term – the genre is the main focus	Non-Fiction- research project Research into a famous person and their jobusing a range of nonfiction including the internet and leaflets to gather information. Pupil voice to choose who they want to study. E.g. Author, scientist, athlete, musician Writing a magazine/newspaper article on their chose person. Use of ICT to input text. Identifying audience and purpose. Use correct form.	Fiction- plays Writing and joining in with a simple playscript based on a fiction text: Horror/ Halloween- Winnie the Witch Mrs Blackhat Meg and Mog Christmas The Nutcracker Use of props, music, dance, actions and phrases to perform a simple play.	Fiction- science fiction The way back home Alien's love underpants Field trip to the moon You can't eat a princess You choose in space Can I build another me? Writing science investigations Writing sci-fi stories. Story mapping/ story mountain to help structure. Identifying audience and purpose.	Non- Fiction- information retrieval, texts structured in different ways A journey through: space Look Inside: Space Stars and Space How to be an astronaut Astrokittens: Cosmic Machines The book of Bok: one moon rock's journey through time and space Armstrong: the adventurous journey of a mouse to the moon Answering questions	Poetry- animal poems, contemporary and from our heritage Tiger, Tiger Burnight Bright! An animal poem for every day of the year (National Trust) Reading and writing animal poems- draw on known formats including acrostic, Haiku, Calligram (shape poems)	Fiction- myths and legends Aesop's Fables e.g. Illustrated stories from Aesop's Fables The Town mouse and the Country mouse The hare and the tortoise The lion and the mouse Compare themes e.g. pride, trickery, greed, quarrels, friendship, cunning
Communication- thematic vocabulary focus	People who help us	Seasonal	Days of the week	greetings	Wild animals	Woodland animals
Mathematical Understanding			See separate m	edium term plan		



Year A – Upper Key Stage 2

Upper KS2	Autumn		Spi	Spring		mer
Physical Development	Games- Throwing and Catching	Gymnastics- Movement	Games- Bat and Balls	Invasion Games- Fundamentals	Games- Sports Day	Outdoor Adventure Dance
Expressive Arts and Design	Music – from different traditions and cultures, composers and periods in history Drama – play a simple role		DT – Design, create and make using materials that have varying properties Art – Using a range of media with different properties		Art – Sculpture and the natural world, art in motion Music – ways of making sounds	
PSED	Managing feelings – identifying and expressing feelings Self-care – taking care of ourselves The world I live in – respecting differences between people, Self-awareness – people who are special to us		The world I live in- Jobs The world I live in- Mor understanding money Self-awareness – skills f	ney – using and	Self-awareness – getting and unkind behaviours Self-awareness- things v Self- care – keeping safe	we are good at
RE	Why do Christians believe God exists?	What would Jesus do? Values	What do religions say to us when life gets hard?	If God is everywhere, why go to a place of worship – church/synagogue?	Is it better to express your religion in arts and architecture or in charity and generosity?	What does it mean to be a Muslim in Britain today?



KS3	Autun	nn	Spri	ng	Su	mmer
Theme Title	Upcycle, Recycle	ycle, Recycle and Create Local Area Study		Scie	ence fair	
Curriculum Area focus	Community and the wider work Expressive Arts (Art)	d (The World Around Us)	Community and the Wider Personal, social and emotion	•	Community and the w Enquiry) Community and the w	rider world (Scientific
English A range of texts/ genres are explored each half term — the genre is the main focus	Fiction- contemporary fiction Somebody swallowed Stanley Captain Green and the Plastic Scene One Plastic Bag Alba the Hundred Year Old Fish Tidy Dear Earth Writing letters- personal and formal	Pre- 1914 texts- Shakespeare A Midsummer night's dream (use of sensory stories to support- see 'sensory Shakespeare') A Midsummer night's dream for kids Reading and writing step-by-step guides & activity instructions to make crafts based on the text settings and characters. Role play and Drama based on the text.	The Lorax- narrative poetry The Lost Words Non-fiction (including autobiography) Local football player study- Marcus Rashford You are a champion: How to be the best you can be (autobiography) Football superstars: Rashford Rules The Big Book of Football Writing to answer questions, features of auto-biographies	Reading different logos and text in the real world context-labels, packaging, leaflets, catalogues, posters Writing for different purposes- adverts, leaflets, catalogues, posters.	George's Marvellous Medicine Writing fictional experiments based on the text, writing an investigation and writing about their own experiences	Fiction- mysteries Arthur Conan Doyle- Sherlock Holmes The Great Mouse Detective Pink Panther The Famous Five Detective Dog The Great Paper Caper Anisha Accidental Detective Artemis Fowl Comparing characters, plots, settings Writing a mystery story- story mapping/ story mountain Poetry
Communication - thematic vocabulary focus	Greetings	Seasonal	Feelings	Colours	Things in my home	Under the sea
Mathematical Understanding		See separate medium term plan				



Key Stage 3	Aut	umn	Spi	ring	Sum	mer
Physical Development	Games Dodgeball	Games- Net and Wall	Gymnastic- Movement	Invasion Games Football	Athletics	Outdoor Adventure Striking and Fielding games- Cricket
Personal, Social and Emotional Development	enviro	– taking care of the nment managing finances	Healthy lifestyles – Me The World I live in - Pre (elements of shopping, Managing feelings – Sel comments Self-awareness- Person	paring for adulthood safe travel etc) If-esteem and unkind	Pub Healthy and unhe behav Intimate relations contrac Managing Romantic feelings a	d Growing – erty valthy relationship viours chips, consent and ception feelings – nd sexual attraction of relationships
Expressive Arts and Design	DT – Repurposing items to make functional objects Art – artists from history		Music – range of composers Drama – taking on different roles based on real people			te a short play
RE	Do we need to prove God's existence?	Does living biblically mean obeying the whole Bible?	What is so radical about Jesus?	Is death the end? Does it matter?	, 0	Should religious buildings be sold to feed the starving?
Careers	Work related learning	Mini-enterprise – Christmas Fair		Mini enterprise/ class shop		



KS4	Aut	umn	Spr	ing	Sum	mer	
Theme Title	World Art	and Artists	The Eco - Apprentice!		Science Fair (Investigating the weather)		
Curriculum Area focus	Community and the wider Around us) Expressive Arts and Desig Community	·	Community and the Wider World (The World Around Us) Personal, Social, Emotional Development		Community and the wide	r world (scientific Enquiry)	
English A range of texts/ genres are explored each half term – the genre is the main focus	Non-fiction- types and features of Encyclopaedias Maps Atlases Country study using non-fiction e.g. The 50 states India Incredible India Africa, Amazing Africa Reading to find information Writing to explain e.g. poster, to organise and presents facts	Poetry- Art and Nature Romanticism William Wordsworth- I wandered lonely as a cloud Samuel Taylor Coleridge- Answer to a child's question William Blake- the Tyger Emily Dickinson- Summer Shower Emily Dickinson- In the Bleak Midwinter Writing to describe and poetry	Old enough to save the planet (non-fiction) Greta and the Giants (fiction) Earth Heroes (non-fiction) The last wolf (fiction) This Moose Belongs to me (Oliver Jeffers) The boy who grew a forest Writing to inform	Non-fiction – Media and advertising Billionaire boy- David Walliams TV adverts, billboards autobiography of an entrepreneur Visitor in who has their own business- asking questions Persuasive writing	Piction Danger gang- Tom Fletcher Space boy- David Walliams How it's made/ inside the factory Following and writing instructions to make things and carry out simple experiments	Shakespeare (Poetry and plays) Sonnet 18- Shall I compare thee to a summer's day? Sonnet 97- how like a winter hath my absence been McBeth- opening scene (the witches) The Tempest- opening scene (ship in the storm) Reading- comparing settings	
Communication- thematic vocabulary focus	Days of the week	Seasonal	Winter clothes Time		Months of the year	Things in my home	
Mathematical Understanding		See separate medium term coverage plan					



Key Stage 4	Aut	umn	Spi	ing	Sum	ımer
Physical Development	Fitness Circuit training	Games- Net and wall	Gymnastics Shape and balance	Invasion Games Tag rugby/hokey	Athletics	Outdoor adventure Striking and Fielding games- Rounders
PSED	and medi	rugs, alcohol, tobacco cinal drugs (where appropriate)	Public and Private The world I live in- M on The world I live in-	oing safe online, (online elements) lanaging information ine - taking care of the nment	Pub Healthy and unhealthy Intimate relations contra Managing Romantic feelings a	d Growing – perty relationship behaviours ships, consent and ception feelings – nd sexual attraction of relationships
Expressive Arts and Design	,	ontrasting Artists ontrasting musicians	Reclaimed	Music for health and wellbeing mmunicating with an		, ,
RE	God's existence?	Does living biblically mean obeying the whole Bible?	What is so radical about Jesus?	matter?	Are there any good	Should religious buildings be sold to feed the starving?
Careers	Employer visit to school e.g. transport coordinator/ travel agent/ taxi drivers	Takeover week – work experience		and mini-enterprise challenge Visit from local business	cause and effect. Using a range of equipment used in	Work related learning – using ICT and media to find out and present information to a wider audience

Year B – Lower Key Stage 2



Lower KS2	Auti	ımn	Spr	ing	Sum	nmer
Theme Title	Healthy Ins	ide and Out	_	nd dark d Night	Improve My World	
Curriculum Area focus	Personal, Social and Emotional Development Community and the wider world (Scientific Enquiry) Expressive Arts and Design (music)		Community and the Wider World (Scientific Enquiry)		Community and the wider world (The World Around Us) Expressive Arts and Design (DT)	
English A range of texts/ genres are explored each half term – the genre is the main focus	Non- fiction- feature Healthy me: e The couc Healthy m All the nonsen Index, contents, capti Writing a brochure on he use of headings a Performance poetry- usin and make multisensory, audi Zim Zan Poems abo Diwali Fireword	eating well th potato ne (series) se in my teeth ons, labels, headings althy living- including the and subheadings ng props to act out poems doing this in front of an ence n Zoom ut Festivals poems k poems	Flash My Sh My po The Gruff Whoo's there? A be Creating settings, c Fiction- author stud Percy the Park	et star alo's Child dtime Shadow Book. haracters and plots y- Nick Butterworth keeper series y about Butterworth	The Drago Me Theseus and Odysseus and Hercules (Cer 'Create' own mythical cre these, wri Non-Fiction- types Atlases, maps, trave Maps of the U The Big Boo	ical creatures on Machine dusa the Minotaur d the cyclopes berus, hydra) eatures, label and describe te fact files of non-fiction texts el writing, brochures Inited Kingdom ok of the UK United Kingdom ronological report
Communication- thematic vocabulary focus	Fruit	Seasonal	asonal Play Woodland animals Imaginary creatures/ characters		Transport	
Mathematical Development			See separate Mo	edium Term Plan		



Year B – Lower Key Stage 2

Lower KS 2	Autumn		Spr	ing	Sum	ımer
Physical Development	Games- Throwing and Catching	Gymnastics- Movement	Games- Bat and Balls	Invasion Games- fundamentals	Games- Sports Day	Outdoor Adventure Dance
Personal, Social, Emotional Development	Healthy Lifestyles- Ta hea Healthy	v eating ntifying and expressing	Self-Care – taking The world I live in -	g care of physical health care of ourselves - taking care of our nment	different types The World I live in	ng – Friendships and of relationship – taking care of the nment
Expressive Arts and Design	Music – instrumen DT – Food and Nutrit sna	· ·		t study (illustrators) If playing music		ve the environment ur selection
RE	Why is Jesus inspiring to some people?	Why are festivals importan t to religious commun ities?	Why do some people think that life is a journey? What significant experiences mark this?	What does it mean to be a Christian in Britain today?	What does it mean to be a Hindu in Britain today	What can we learn from religions about deciding what is right and wrong?



Develonment



Upper KS2 Theme Title	Creative People Community and the wider world (The World Around Us) Personal, social emotional development (PSHE/Citizenship) Expressive Arts and Design (Art)		Spring What makes the world go round? Community and the Wider World (Scientific Enquiry)		Summer Garden Party Community and the wider world (The World Around Us)		
Curriculum Area Focus							
English A range of texts/ genres are explored each half term – the genre is the main focus	Why do we wear clothes? Hello World: a celebration of languages and curiosities Children of the world All are welcome The same but different Writing a diaries and autobiographies-conventions of this (e.g. 1st person, chronological)	Fiction- wordless, contemporary fiction- importance of illustrations and visual literacy Chalk Tuesday Flotsam Journey Here I am Caged Answering questions based on a text	Poetry- poems about Chinese New Year Poems about festivals Let's celebrate: festival poems from around the world Writing limerick poems, including focus on rhyming words	Fiction- including texts from (and set in) other cultures Wangari's Trees of peace: a true story from Africa Where the forest meets the sea The great Kapok tree The last tree Dear Greenpeace Pandora Window Sally and the Limpet Writing a poster Identifying audience and purpose. Use correct form.	Non- fiction- recipes and instructions E.g. The best every baking book Writing step by step guides and 'how to' guides'- beyond a simple recipe. E.g. how to decorate a cake/ biscuit, how to wash your hands, how to wash up, how to use the oven Identifying audience and purpose. Use correct form. Use of contents and indexes	Fiction- fiction from our heritage The Secret Garden (see sensory story version if needed) Compare settingsinside the Manor vs the Secret Garden	
Communication- thematic vocabulary focus	Family	Seasonal	Winter clothes	Pets	Breakfast Drinks	Minibeasts	
Mathematical	See separate Medium Term Plan						

See separate Medium Term Plan





Upper Key Stage 2	Autumn		Spring		Summer	
Physical Development	Games- Throwing and Catching	Gymnastics- Movement	Games- Bat and Ball	Invasion Games Fundamentals	Games- Sports Days	Outdoor Adventure Dance
Personal, Social and Emotional Development	Healthy lifestyles- keeping well Managing feelings – identifying and expressing feelings The world I live in – respecting the differences between people Changing and growing - different types of relationships		Changing and growing – baby to adult, puberty Self-care – public and private, dealing with touch		Healthy lifestyles – healthy eating Self-care, support and safety- keeping safe	
Expressive Arts and Design	Art – portrait focus Drama – taking roles with others		DT – design a home for an animal Music - from other cultures		DT – making picnic food, design invitations Art – Garden study	
RE	What matters most to Christians and Humanists?	What difference does it make to believe in Ahimsa (harmlessness)	If God is everywhere, why go to a place of worship – mosque/Hindu temple?	Why do Muslims/Hindus believe God exists?	What difference does it make to believe in Grace?	What difference does it make to believe in Ummah (community)



KS3	Autumn Performance! Community and the wider world (The World Around us) Personal, social emotional development (PSHE/Citizenship) Expressive Arts and Design (Music)		Spring Farm to Fork Community and the Wider World (The World Around Us, Scientific Enquiry)		Summer Local Area – past and present Community and the wider world (The World Around Us))	
Theme Title						
Curriculum Area focus						
English A range of texts/ genres are explored each half term – the genre is the main focus	Sensational! Poems Inspired by the Five Senses Writing Kenning Poetry- imaginative writing Word Mapping- categories of words and adjectives	Horror Frankenstein Dracula Jekyll and Hyde Christmas A Christmas Carol- Charles Dickens Role play and drama based on the text. Writing a play script	Non-Fiction Research project: farm to fork- use of ICT Links: Eat happy project, Food a fact of life, Farm to fork, Compassion world farming, Soil association Food for life. Climate choices and children's voices Writing to explain e.g. how to plant a seed, how butter is made from milk, what you can find at a farm, what is 'free range'	Fiction- short stories & stories from other cultures (India) Panchatantra Tales e.g. the story of the three fishes; a true friend; the lion and the cows writing about their own experiences of looking after animals e.g. visit to a farm, looking after snails in class, class pet?	Mon-fiction- Romans Meet the Ancient Romans So You Think You've Got it Bad: A Kid's Life in Ancient Rome Roman's Magnified Features of non-fiction texts Report writing Historical fiction Romans on the rampage	Fiction- Adventure texts Bear Grylls Adventures (series) Writing an adventure story- story mapping/story mountain
Communication- thematic vocabulary focus	Greetings	Seasonal	Food	Farm Animals	Rooms in my house	Vegetables
Mathematical Understanding	See separate medium term plan					



Key Stage 3	Autumn		Spring		Summer	
Physical Development	Games- Dodgeball	Games- Net and Wall Tennis	Gymnastics Shape and Balance	Invasion Games football/hokey	Athletics	Outdoor Adventure Striking and Fielding games - Rounders
Personal, Social, Emotional Development	Self-Awareness- Playing and working together The World I Live In- Diversity, rights and responsibilities		Healthy Lifestyles- Healthy eating Changing and growing- friendships		Healthy Lifestyles- Mental Wellbeing The World I Live In- Taking Care of the Environment	
Expressive Arts and Design	Drama – Stage a performance Music – Use instruments and voice		DT – seasonality and origin of food Art – animals in art		Art – Pottery and mosaic DT – make an instrument	
RE	How can people express the spiritual through music and art?	What is good and what is challenging about being a teenage Sikh/Buddhist/Muslim in Britain today?		Does religion help people to be good?	What difference does it make to believe in?	Is religion a power for peace or a cause of conflict in the world today?
Careers	Jupporting/	· ·	Visit to farm – jobs on the farm	Work related learning – animal care		Improving aspect of the local community/ school grounds

Year B - Key Stage 4



KS4	Autumn		Spring		Summer	
Theme Title	Carnival		Asia		Ready, Steady, Cook!	
Curriculum Area focus	Community and the wider world (The World Around Us) Personal, social emotional development (PSHE/Citizenship) Expressive Arts and Design (Art, DT)		Community and the Wider World (The World Around Us)		Community and the wider world (Scientific Enquiry, The World Around Us) Expressive Arts and Design (DT)	
English A range of texts/ genres are explored each half term — the genre is the main focus	Non-fiction Body: the ultimate guide The bright and bold human body (series) The marvellous adventure of being human: your amazing body and how to live in itIllumanatomy Kay's Anatomy Reading to find information, Writing to respond to questions Writing to give information and explain e.g. leaflet-to organise and present facts 19th century texts Lewis Caroll- Alice in Wonderland Reading- comparing characters, Planning an event based on the text- e.g. mad hatter's tea party. Writing for different purposes e.g. invitations to mad hatter's tea party		Poetry and folktales Chinese Fables book Magic Paintbrush Where the Mountain meet the Moon Animal Tales from India Chinese Children's Favourite stories Historical fiction The Willow Pattern Story Chinese New Year		20th century texts Roald Dahl: James and the Giant Peach Charlie and the Chocolate Factory 19th century texts Charles Dickens- Oliver Twist Writing to respond and answer questions Writing a food themed story in a familiar setting- story mapping/ story mountain to help structure.Identifying audience and prpose. Non- Fiction First newsNewsbeat website, School newsletters and blog Newspapers- features of Writing Newspaper articles about school and their own experiences. Organising ideas in writing.Writing personal stories to include in the newspaper	
Communication- thematic vocab focus	Days of the week	Seasonal	Breakfast Drinks	Transport	Months of the year	Rooms in my house
Mathematical Understanding	See separate medium Term Plan					

Year B - Key Stage 4



Key Stage	Autumn		Spring		Summer	
Physical Development	Fitness Circuit training	Net and Wall Volley ball	Gymnastics Movement	Invasion Games Football	Athletics	Outdoor Adventure Striking and Fielding Rounders
Personal, Social, Emotional Development	Healthy Lifestyle- Physical activity, body image Self Care- Feeling unwell, feeling frightened/worried		Self-Awareness- prejudice and discrimination, managing pressure Changing and growing- Friendships, long term relationships		Self-Care- Accidents and risks, emergency situations Self-Awareness- Skills for learning Healthy Lifestyles- Healthy eating	
Expressive Arts and Design	DT – food and nutrition – meals and snacks, Making using a range of ways of fixing and adhering Drama – performing as a group		Music and Art from Asian cultures		DT – Food and Nutrition -creating a range of foods Designing packaging for food	
RE	How can people express the spiritual through music and art?	What is good and what is challenging about being a teenage Sikh/Buddhist/Musli m in Britain today?	Should happiness be the purpose of life?	Does religion help people to be good?	What difference does it make to believe in?	Is religion a power for peace or a cause of conflict in the world today?
Careers		Takeover week Organising an event for visitors to attend (e.g. play, concert, coffee morning			Catering and hospitality focus. Link to school kitchen. Work related learning – café/ cooking/ shop	Community Project Improving the environment