

Year 8 Curriculum Summary: Term 2

The table below shows the knowledge and skills that Year 8 students are learning in their subjects this term.

Topic / Knowledge	Skills	
Art and	Design	
TOPIC/KNOWLEDGE Portraiture Creative portraits Knowledge and understanding of Pablo Picasso Knowledge and understanding of printmaking- collagraphs Knowledge and understanding of Julian Opie	SKILLS Proportions of the face. Observational drawing skills Tonal skills Research, analytical and evaluative skills Application of the style of an artist. Use of collage as a design tool Collagraph making and printing.	
Computing		
TOPIC/KNOWLEDGE Computational Thinking Python	SKILLS Computational Thinking - Students will develop key skills in algorithmic thinking, Boolean conditions and logic. Python – Students will begin their first unit of python programming at KS3. It will teach them the basics of procedural programming giving them a strong foundation for future units.	
Design and	Technology	
Student will rotate around the following three subjects as	a carousel through the three terms:	
TOPIC/KNOWLEDGE Student will rotate around the following three subjects as a carousel through the three terms: Food Preparation & Nutrition – International Cuisine Understand why micro-nutrients and macro-nutrients are required to be in our diet Be able to explain food miles and carbon footprint and how they relate to different recipes To learn the importance of dietary fibre To analyse and evaluate the functions of different ingredients in cake making Food science and cooking methods used to make a cooked breakfast	Health & Safety awareness – particular focus on cross contamination. To understand and use stir fry cooking methods. Be able to cook meats safety and the reduction of liquids to intensify flavours. Using a temperature probe effectively. Seasoning food. Making a bread dough with a biological raising agent. Controlling enzymic browning Shaping and binding high-risk ingredients Making shortcrust pastry effectively	
Tic Tac Toe To design a product that compliments an existing range Understanding ergonomics and aesthetics when designing a product Explore different styles of typography Developing a strong brand image from a logo Analysing the key information found on product packaging	To develop basic modelling techniques. Generation of stencils for letters and objects. Producing a range of initial sketches for a board game. The use of nets to create packaging.	



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Sweet Dispenser To understand the different properties and uses of wood and polymers Be able to produce a detailed specification Working within dimensional tolerances Appreciation of user requirements when designing and making Understanding the need for ergonomic design	Understanding basic mechanical principles of motion and leverage. Selecting and using correct tools and machines for different aspects of production.	
Drama		
TOPIC/KNOWLEDGE Metamorphosis Radio Plays Knowledge of genres	SKILLS Gesture and movement Vocal techniques Facial expressions Working collaboratively Character development Tableau Minimalism Direct address Improvisation Soundscapes Script writing techniques	
English		
TOPIC/KNOWLEDGE Fiction Writing: Global Perspectives 18 lessons In this unit, students study a range of fiction and nonfiction texts that look at a range of far-flung destinations and international issues as stimuli for a piece of creative writing Shakespeare: A Midsummer Night's Dream 18 lessons In Miss Mugridge's unit, students study the Bard's characterisation and playwrighting style while exploring this classic play, resulting in an extended analytical essay assessment.	SKILLS Skills focus: Formality Modal verbs Sentence moods: declaratives, imperatives, interrogatives Parenthetical dashes Comedy Structuring comparisons Exploring contrasts Analysing soliloquys	
Geography		

TOPIC/KNOWLEDGE

Weather and Climate and Climate Change

How does the weather and climate affect people and places?

Pupils are provided with the knowledge and skills to understand what makes the weather such a dynamic and varied phenomenon and how climates around the world vary. Pupils will explore the physical geography

SKILLS

Though an enquiry-based approach; we aim to foster the knowledge of places, spaces and scale by studying countries and particular regions at a variety of scales from local to global. Through the study of places, we integrate the concept of interdependence and how in an ever-increasing globalised world we are connected and rely on other places. Embedded across all units are the physical and human processes that shape our planet from topics such as weather



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of Britain's climate and the physical processes that causes our varied weather. Pupils will also explore how climates around the world may be changing and introduce the concepts of Global Warming/climate change.	and climate, climate change to globalisation and population change. A theme that is common within and between our topics in Key stage 3 is how people and places impact on the environment and how the concept of sustainability is considered in different contexts. Cultural understanding and diversity is promoted through Geography, broadening students understanding of the wider world and developing their role as global citizens in the 21st Century
History	

TOPIC / KNOWLEDGE

The Atlantic Slave Trade and Early Industrialisation

Students will gain an understanding of the issues surrounding the Atlantic Slave Trade and the early challenges facing Britain as it embarked on a period of Industrialisation. They will learn about how the Atlantic Slave Trade began, how it operated and the conditions both on the Middle passage and Plantations. They will consider a range of reasons why the Slave Trade was eventually abolished. Finally, they will study the new inventions of the industrialisation period and the growth of the factory system. They will consider how successful Richard Arkwright was as an employer and businessperson as an example of a significant person in the local community.

SKILLS

There will be a continued focus on second order concepts including cause and consequence, change and continuity as well as significance.

They will understand why events have to be placed into chronological order. They will consider the impact of the Atlantic Slave Trade and the reasons for its abolition. Students will be introduced to a wide range of historical sources on life in the industrial factories. They will be expected to reflect on the provenance of these sources and to make a judgement on how useful they are as evidence. Students will be expected to consider what makes someone significant in history.

Mathematics

TOPIC/KNOWLEDGE

Half Term 3: Developing Algebra

Students will revisit and extend upon their algebraic journey during this half term. They will review the basics of constructing and manipulating expressions and solving equations through balancing. Many students will learn how to solve equations involving fractions and apply these skills to construct and solve inequalities. Students will also learn to work with and calculate values using basic formulae including rearrangement and the use of Pythagoras' Theorem.

Half Term 4: Mathemapping

Student will also learn about different mappings in Maths. From how linear equations can be drawn on a coordinate grid to the transformation of shapes, students will have learn how to change between different representations.

SKILLS

Further Algebra:

- Construct expressions, expand brackets and factorise algebraic terms
- Solve one and two step equations moving onto multi step equations including those involving brackets and fractions.
- Use and construct simple formulae. Change the subject of a formula
- Expand and factorise quadratic expressions.
- Learn and apply Pythagoras' Theorem
- Construct and solve inequalities including those involving brackets and fractions.

Mappings

- Plot linear functions and learn the general equation of a straight line y = mx +c
- Understand gradients, intercepts and parallel lines
- Learn how to reflect, rotate, translate and enlarge objects
- Describe reflections, rotations, translations and enlargements



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Modern Foreign Languages (MFL)		
TOPIC/KNOWLEDGE French Half-term 3: Dynamo 2 red Module 3 À loisir Celebrities and TV programmes	SKILLS French Single and plural adjective agreement, forming and	
Digital technology Arranging to go to the cinema Leisure activities Spotting synonyms Using 3 tenses when speaking Points de depart and Unité 1 What sports you play Activities you do Sport in French speaking countries What you like doing Interview with a celebrity le sport en direct Talking about sports Opinions about weather and seasons	answering questions, negatives, using 3 tenses, French sounds, jouer à, faire, cognates and contexts, aimer + infinitive, forming and answering questions, jouer à, faire de, comparatives	
TOPIC/KNOWLEDGE German Breakfast Traditional German food Recipes Healthy lifestyles Longer texts Describing and comparing dinner parties.	SKILLS German The verbs essen and nehmen, more imperatives, müssen, using the imperative	
TOPIC/KNOWLEDGE Spanish Toda sobre mi vida	SKILLS Spanish	
What you use your phone for What type of music you like Talking about TV Saying what you did yesterday Understanding a TV guide Young people's lives Viva 3 module 5.4 Saying what you will do Viva 2 module 2 cont Tackling an authentic text Using 2 tenses Hispanic singers	Present tense, a range of opinions, the comparative, using the present and the preterite, the simple future tense	



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	Music
TOPIC / KNOWLEDGE The Blues	SKILLS Improvising Listening Ensemble Performance
	Physical Education
TOPIC/KNOWLEDGE HRF Basketball Rugby Orienteering Netball Table Tennis	Racket sports – To learn and understand the rules of table tennis, further develop the basic techniques and learn about the different types of shots. HRF – To understand the importance of measuring the different states of heart rate (bpm) and how this correlates with intensity. To gain an understanding of the different methods of training. Other sports – Further improvement of ball mastery and skill technique. Gaining an understanding of how the learnt skills can assist in outwitting an opponent and start to explore tactical advantages of team sports. Leading warms up and skill-based activities to promote leadership qualities and confidence amongst peers.
	Orienteering skills - Map reading and navigation. Working with a team to problem solve and achieve a goal.
	Science
TOPIC/KNOWLEDGE Respiration Atmosphere Light Genetics and Evolution	 SKILLS Further development of science skills, which include: Planning investigations: writing detailed methods, naming specific apparatus and safety precautions Conducting investigations, including working safely with acids and alkalis, Bunsen burners, electrical equipment and microscopes Analysing data, including finding and describing errors, plotting graphs and explaining trends, and drawing lines of best fit Further mathematical skills: Using and rearranging equations Using and converting units Calculating averages and ranges



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Personal Development (PD)		
TOPIC/KNOWLEDGE Dangerous society online and offline: Students will understand the dangers of substance	SKILLS An understanding of the challenges that may face someone who is LGBTQIA+.	
misuse and how cyber-bullying and online grooming is dangerous.	Being able to explain what is dangerous online and how to avoid this.	
LGBTQIA+ explored: Students will be able to recognise the signs of homophobia and discuss how to challenge this.		
Students will also understand how we can support people in the LGBTQIA+ society. Throughout this term, et udente will use (Unifred) to		
Throughout this term, students will use 'Unifrog' to embed their careers education.		