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The HMS curriculum is sequenced to build on learning prior learning. Staff develop a coherent understanding of curricula across the Partnership as part of our ongoing working groups. At HMS, teachers plan in the long, medium and short-term to ensure consistency in the learning experience for all children. The long-term mapping details the sequence of learning in each subject, the key themes, how reading and literacy are developed, how our personal development curriculum is embedded and the key assessment strategies to ensure that staff and pupils know the security of learning. The curriculum is planned with ambition for all learners at its core and those with additional needs are empowered to succeed. Pupils learn about the influence of significant people both in history and in the modern world so that they develop an appreciation of the world in which they are living. Detailed medium-term planning is produced for effective implementation and consistency giving teachers the understanding of why learning happens when it does, what pupils should already know, how they will build on this learning and the required end-points (in terms of knowledge, skill and understanding).

Subject	Autumn	Spring	Summer
Personal Development	Assembly Themes including:	Assembly Themes including:	Assembly themes including:
	• Democracy in action; Will there ever be world	• Aiming High/Aspirations; Lunar New Year;	 William Shakespeare; Interrogating integrity;
(2 hours)	peace?; Sustainability in our school; Dealing	Holocaust Memorial Day; Diversity and	Islam's holiest day; Florence Nightingale; Mary
	with our emotions; Firework safety; Building	Inclusion; Safer Internet Day; Love in Literature;	Seacole; Protected Characteristics: The Equality
	bridges not wall Armistice Day; Anti-bullying –	Lent; National Careers Week; Red Nose Day;	Act; Biodiversity; Caring for others; Magna
	being generous and showing courage; Advent	Earth Hour; Easter Story	Carta; Alan Turing's Example; Was Henry VIII a
			good leader?; Skills Builder
	Character Education:	Character Education:	
	Courage	Justice	Character Education:
	Generosity	Humility	Integrity
			Honesty
	Skills Builder:	Skills Builder:	
	Speaking	Aiming high	Skills Builder:
	Listening	Staying Positive	Creativity
			Leadership
PSHE/RSE	Living in the wider world	Health and Wellbeing	Relationships
	 Recognising and building personal skills 	Dental health	Sexual orientation
(2 hours)	 Exploring personal strengths for employment 	The sleep factor	Gender identity
	Problem solving	 Making choices about diet and exercise 	Relationship values
	The journey to your career	Maintaining physical health	Consent
	Setting goals	Understanding drugs	Introduction to contraception

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	 Building a positive online reputation Recognising your money personality Value for money Next steps in your financial journey Dealing with financial dilemmas Understanding fraud Identify fraud and data protection 	 Nicotine: risks and influences Alcohol and risk Online stress and FOMO Bullying and cyberbullying Social media First Aid: Allergies First Aid: Asthma 	 Parenting Menstrual wellbeing Managing conflict Citizenship Dictatorship v democracy The role of an MP Parliament revisited Young Offenders British Values
Reading – key texts (Whole class reading sessions)	SUSAN HILL During whole class reading, children read a wide range of fiction, non-fiction and poetry. As well as whole texts, children also engage with extracts and linked texts to broaden their vocabulary, comprehension and contextual understanding.	During whole class reading, children read a wide range of fiction, non-fiction and poetry. As well as whole texts, children also engage with extracts and linked texts to broaden their vocabulary, comprehension and contextual understanding.	During whole class reading, children read a wide range of fiction, non-fiction and poetry. As well as whole texts, children also engage with extracts and linked texts to broaden their vocabulary, comprehension and contextual understanding.
Art (2 hours)	Fantasy Shoe Project • Studying the work of Kobi Levi and Costa Magarakis • Choose a theme to produce a fantasy shoe • Example 1 • Wanipulating materials to create a sculpture • Planning and design of the shoe	 Portraiture Drawing facial features Creating a self-portrait Use of the grid method Tonal variation to create facial features and the skin Accuracy and symmetry Blending Combining materials in collage Studying the work of Frida Kahlo and Mark Powell 	 Environment and Architecture Studying the work of lan Murphy Taking photographs as inspiration in the style of the artist Collage technique for texture Combining materials Abstraction in drawing

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	Manipulating 3D materialsRealising intentions		
Computing	Computing System and Networks	Programming 1	Data and Information
(2 hours)	 Introduction to school systems LANs WANs The internet Threats & preventions Creating media Planning a video product Skills Recording & Editing 	 Python - recap Selection Iteration – While loops Iteration – For loops Programming 2 App development GUI creation Event driven environments Passing values User input 	 Binary recap Binary and text Binary and images
		Digital Citizenship al themes such as: self-image and identity; online relationshi ealth, wellbeing and lifestyle; privacy and security; copyright	
English (8 hours)	Reading – texts • Extracts from The Woman in Black, Dracula and Rebecca • The Raven by Edgar Allan Poe • The Tell Tale Heart by Edgar Allan Poe Reading • Select, explain and evaluate evidence from a text • Identify, explain and evaluate features of poetry • Understand the specific setting of the novel – comparing between texts	 Reading – texts Julius Caesar by William Shakespeare The Leader and the Led Niyi Osundare and Ozymandias by Percy Bysshe Shelley Reading Identify and explore key themes such as duty, power, honour, fate, supernatural How does Shakespeare use language to establish the mood of the play in the opening scenes? Track development of characters throughout a whole text Understand how the writer creates atmosphere 	 Reading – texts Bone Talk by Candy Gourlay Poetry: Where I'm from by George Ella Lyon Reading Evaluate: how successfully does the writer develop tension and a threatening atmosphere and engage the reader? Understand key concepts of context including colonialism and history of world shows in the 20th century Use key terminology accurately Recognise the writer's intention; the techniques they have used and evaluate the effect on the reader

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	 Write an opening to a gothic story using the conventions studied in a range of gothic texts. Use the gothic techniques in their own writing to emulate the style. Write imaginatively and with consideration for deliberate impact on the reader Produce final and polished writing for a wide range of purposes and audiences with confidence, deliberate craft and individuality Draw on increasingly sophisticated use of vocabulary and punctuation to create deliberate impact Evaluate, edit and improve writing with guidance Spelling, punctuation and grammar Grammatical terminology and knowledge to ensure retention Identify and explain the impact of grammatical features of texts read Apply grammatical knowledge to analyse more complex literature 	 Understand and evaluate the effectiveness of the play as a performance where language and staging must communicate plot, characterisation and themes Understand the specific context of the play but be able to appreciate how the play is still relevant to modern audiences Writing Write an informal letter in role drawing upon events in the text to persuade another character on the night before the assassination of Caesar. Compare how leadership is portrayed in a range of texts (2 poems/play) Explain how Shakespeare creates tension in Act 1 Spelling, punctuation and grammar Revision of grammatical terminology and knowledge to ensure retention Identify and explain the impact of grammatical features of texts read Apply grammatical knowledge to analyse more complex literature 	 Writing Describe a place of significance To what extent do you agree that the American's had a permanent impact on the community? Spelling, punctuation and grammar Revision of Key Stage 2 terminology and knowledge to ensure retention Identify and explain the impact of grammatical features of texts read Apply grammatical knowledge to analyse more complex literature
Drama (1 hour)	Devising: Haunted House • Responding to stimulus • Applying new techniques • Developing Characterisation • Hot seating • Costume	 Scripts: Various Characterisation Stereotypes Applying techniques Rehearsing and performing Costume design 	Live theatre evaluation and design: Treasure Island Design roles Technical terminology Analysing Writing Evaluating Symbolism on stage

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French	Shops and Shopping	Family, jobs and daily routine	Free time
(2 hours)	 Opinions and food items Types of shops Food and drink items 	 Family members and descriptions Jobs Chores 	 Opinions TV programmes Faire/ Jouer
	 At the market – quantities Ordering in a café Asking and answering questions Grammar: opinions; present tense verbs; articles; partitive; quantities + De; Je voudrais 	 Frequency and time Daily routine Grammar: Etre + descriptions and jobs; present tense verbs; reflexive verbs 	 Weather and activities Future plans Grammar: Present tense first and third person; Jouer/Faire; near future tense – Je vais; On va + infinitive
Geography	The challenges of resource management	Middle East	Tourism
(3 hours)	 Importance of soils How soils are being exploited by humans Impact of climate change Climate change and desertification Threat of moving deserts Human reliance on natural resources such as oil 	 Varied landscapes of the Middle East Cultures and values of the region Impact of migration on the region Widening gap within society The impact of tourism with a specific case study on Dubai 	 Deepen knowledge of globalisation Social development and the rise of tourism Different types of tourism including 'dark tourism' and 'eco-tourism' Case study – France and the impact of tourism
	 Impacts of oil extraction and subsequent geopolitics Energy supplies – renewable and non- renewable 	 Focus on the 2022 World Cup – evaluate – should it be held in Qatar? 	 Local Study – Hexham Fieldwork project Evaluating to what extent Hexham is a clone town
	 Hazards Plate movements – conservative, collision, constructive and destructive (subduction) Causes and effects of tsunamis Causes and effects of volcanoes and earthquakes Different responses to hazards between the developed and developing nations 	 Changing China Impact of globalization What is meant by an 'emerging economy' Effects of rapid development with a case study on the megacity Shenzhen Population control methods – One Child Policy Rise of quaternary industries Interpret population pyramids and how they change over time Understand how they can be used for planning 	 How has Hexham changed over time How will Hexham change in the future Effects of modernization in Hexham Impact of increase in online shopping on the Hexham high street

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History (3 hours)	Slave Trade Studying all stages of the slave trade Plantation life Life on 'The Middle Passage' Role of the British Empire Three points of the 'Triangular Trade' Impact on Britain Process of abolition – cause and impact	 Industrial Revolution Identify and explain turning points What was Britain like 250 years ago What was the Industrial Revolution and why it came about Understanding what caused the population to 'explode' Factory system and how it operated Agricultural revolution – impact Steam power and its impact Impact of the 1843 Poor Law Conditions for workers and Government 	 French Revolution Pupils will focus on studying the American Revolution and how this is connected to and inspired the French Revolution Pupils will focus on the consequences of the French Revolution Causes of the American Revolution and war on independence Long term causes of the French Revolution The Estate System Understating the Tennis Court Oath
Maths	Datio and Coole	reforms	 Significance of the 'Storming of the Bastille' Louis XVI capture and execution Region of Terror
(8 hours)	 Ratio and Scale All new content. Ratio notation, simplifying ratios (including in the form 1:n and n:1), divide into a given ratio, converting between ratios and fractions, understand pi as the ratio between diameter and circumference, problem solving Multiplicative Change 	 Algebra Techniques Recap of Year 7 content. Collect like terms, simplify expressions (including indices) including brackets and binomials. Understand and use the multiplication and division laws of indices. Form and solve equations with and without brackets. Use of inequalities on a number line. Solve inequalities. 	 Area and Volume Recap of KS2 and Year 7 content. Area of a triangle, area of a circle and semicircle, area of compound shapes, circumference of a circle, volume of cubes and cuboids, volume of prisms, volume of a cylinder, problem solving Transformations

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Wo	 All new content. Direct proportion (not algebraic), best buy, direct proportion graphs, converting currencies, enlarging a shape, problem solving altiply and Divide Fractions Recap of KS2 and Year 7 content. Multiply fractions (including with integers), reciprocal, divide fractions (including with integers) porking in the Cartesian Plane Recap of KS2 and Year 7 content. Midpoint of a line, lines parallel to the axes, recognise and use y = mx + c, link linear sequences to graphs, explore non-linear graphs, problem solving presenting Data 	 Sequences Recap of KS2 and Year 7 content. Generate a sequence from nth term, decide whether a term is in a sequence from the nth term Percentages and fractions Recap of KS2 and Year 7 content of FDP. Increase and decrease by a percentage (including with a calculator and using a multiplier), percentage change, simple reverse percentages, choosing the appropriate method for percentage questions, problem solving Number Sense Recap of KS2 and Year 7 content. Problem solving with money, time, timetables, calendars, and distance tables. 	 Recap of KS2 and Year 7 content. Enlargement, reflection, translation, rotation, mixed transformations Constructions and Loci Recap of KS2 and Year 7 content. Scale diagrams, construct 3D solids, construct circles, perpendicular bisector, angle bisector, loci, problem solving Data Handling Cycle Recap of KS2 and Year 7 content. Statistical enquiries, bar charts, vertical line charts, line graphs, pie charts, compare charts, financial graphs Measures of Location and Dispersion
	 Scatter graphs, describe non-linear relationships, frequency tables, describe types of data, two-way tables. 	 Angles Recap of KS2 and Year 7 content. Solve problems with angles in parallel lines, 	 Averages and range from a list, mean from an ungrouped frequency table, limitations and advantages of each

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	 Tables and probability Construct sample space diagrams. Find probability from two-way tables and sample space diagrams. Find probabilities from Venn diagrams. Use the product rule. 	properties of special quadrilaterals, construct special quadrilaterals, sum of interior angles, one interior and exterior angle of regular polygons.	average, compare data using averages and range, problem solving
Music	AABA form	Blues to Rock n Roll	Song writing – cover song
(2 hours)	 Beethoven's 9th Symphony – Ode to Joy Theme Keyboard skill development Melody in the AABA form Notation - building reliable following, reading and interpretation Ensemble playing and performing Harmony - use of triads Drumming Rhythm notation Practical drumming 	 History of Blues Development towards R&B and Rock n Roll Changes in styles of music Finding notes and position on the guitar Chords, single notes and bass lines Strumming techniques for performance and to build understanding of genre Blues accompaniments Buddy Holly piece Ensemble – performance of a song 	 Song writing study – Bob Dylan and David Bowie Word plays, syllables and ideas Chord progressions and knowing the key Melodic writing Riffs and motifs Analysis of songs Harmony - controlling selection, frequency (pace) and variety of chords Rehearsal techniques
	Composition patterns		
PE	Handball	Lacrosse	Athletics
(4 hours)	 Cross Country (Run for Fun) Outdoor and Adventurous Activity Hockey 	BasketballTennis	CricketUltimate Frisbee

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(Due to groupings and facility access, some classes may do sports in different terms) Philosophy, Ethics and	Jesus	Hinduism and Story Telling	The Philosophical Arguments for the Existence of God
Religious Studies (PERS) (2 hours) The PERS curriculum is based upon, but not limited to, the locally-agreed syllabus	 Who was the historical person of Jesus and what can we know about him and his life? Does it matter what Jesus looked like? What did Jesus' parables teach? Was Jesus really a miracle? Was Jesus mad, bad or a God? (Based on the quote from CS Lewis) What did Jesus' death mean to Christians? How do Christians think about Jesus? How do Christians express the meaning of Christmas today? 	 Why are stories important? What do Hindus believe? What are the religious stories of the Hindus? How do Hindus think the world was made? What do Hindus believe about God? What can the Bhagavad Gita teach Hindus? What do Hindus believe about life after death? Census Data What does the national census data from 2021 tell us about religion in the UK? What does the local census data from 2021 tell us about religion in our area(s)? What is the history of Christianity in Britain? How has religion influenced our education? How has religion influenced our festivals and traditions? 	 Why might some people argue that God doesn't exist? (The Problem of Evil) What are some of the philosophical arguments for the existence of God? The Cosmological Argument The Teleological Argument The Argument from Religious Experience Which of these arguments do you think is the most convincing and why? Ethics What is morality? How do we decide what is right and what is wrong? What are some of the key ethical theories? The conscience Virtue ethics Situation Ethics Utilitarianism Kant Personhood Which ethical theory best aligns with our own thoughts? Which ethical theory best aligns with our own thoughts? Which ethical theory best aligns with our own thoughts? Which ethical theory best aligns with our own thoughts? Which ethical theory best aligns with our own thoughts? Which ethical theory best aligns with our own thoughts? Which ethical theory best aligns with our own thoughts? Which ethical theory best aligns with our own thoughts?

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Science	Matter	Reactions	Reactions
(6 hours)	 Elements and the periodic table Organisms Breathing and the gas exchange system The effects of smoking, drugs and alcohol. Nutrients and healthy diet The digestive system. Forces Contact forces, squashing and stretching, drag forces and friction Pressure in gases, liquids and solids 	 Chemical reactions of metals and non-metals The reactions of metal and acids, oxygen and water Displacement reactions Ecosystems Aerobic and anaerobic respiration Photosynthesis, leaf adaptations Plant nutrients Electromagnetism Potential difference and current Resistance Series and parallel circuits. Electromagnetis Electrostatic and magnetic fields Electromagnets 	Types of reaction, combustion, thermal
Spanish	Sports and Free Time	En Mi Cuidad	En La Cafeteria
(2 hours)	 Weather and days of the week Opinions with infinitives Jugar/ Hacer Telling the time Frequency terms Hobbies with reasons Asking and answering questions Grammar: Jugar al; Hago; Gustar + infinitive; La hora; Porque es; question words 	 Places in town Description of town and opinions Where I go in town Prepositions What can you do in town and where? Invitations Grammar: Hay/No Hay; Es/No Es; Voy/Va a + place; Esta; Se puede plus infinitive; asking and answering questions 	 Food and drink items Mealtimes Ordering in a café Numbers up to 100 Restaurant and menus Typical dishes Cultural background Grammar: Present tense first and third person; articles; number up to 100; ordering in a restaurant/ café opinions including me gustaria

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Design Technology	Mild Steel Coat Hook	Graphic communication	Timber mobile phone holder
(2 hours)	 Select from and use specialist tools, techniques, processes, equipment, and machinery precisely. Use a range of materials, considering their properties. Use of Jigs and fixtures Understand the properties of materials and their performance Knowledge and use of tools and equipment suitable for working with metals. Marking out processes and wasting processes Forming process Use of jigs Finishing process Develop and communicate design ideas. Analyse the work of professionals and others to develop and broaden their understanding. Use a variety of strategies to generate creative ideas and avoid stereotypical responses Select from and use specialist tools, techniques, processes, equipment and machinery precisely. Select from and use a wider, more complex range of materials, considering their properties. Understand the properties of materials and their performance Knowledge and use of tools and equipment suitable for working with textiles. Marking out using a pattern, cutting and joining using sewing methods 	 Develop and communicate design ideas using annotated sketches, detailed plans, 3-D modelling Knowledge and skills to produce and convert different drawing styles. Isometric, oblique, perspective, orthographic and nets Pupils will be able to identify and practice technical different drawings techniques. Lighting Develop specifications to inform the design of innovative, functional, appealing products that respond to needs in a variety of situations Develop and communicate design ideas using annotated sketches. Use a variety of strategies to generate creative ideas and avoid stereotypical responses Following a specification to ensure designs fit into the client/user needs Design processes (iterative/linear) Freehand sketching Isometric drawing Orthographic drawing COMBINE design strategy 	 Select from and use specialist tools, techniques, processes, equipment, and machinery precisely. Use a range of materials, considering their properties. Understand the properties of materials and their performance Use design to solve their own design problems. Free hand 2d sketching. Isometric presentation drawing. Knowledge and use of tools and equipment suitable for working with timber Marking out processes suitable for timber. Timber wasting processes Wood jointing techniques Fabrication. Finishing processes

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Food Technology	Food preparation	Food preparation	Food preparation
(1 hour)	 Parmentier potatoes, Carrot cake, Swiss roll, upside down cake, toad in the hole, stir fry, Bolognese, fajitas, pizza wheels, roux sauce, curry sauce, burgers, chocolate mousse. Skills 	 Parmentier potatoes, Carrot cake, Swiss roll, upside down cake, toad in the hole, stir fry, Bolognese, fajitas, pizza wheels, roux sauce, curry sauce, burgers, chocolate mousse. 	 Parmentier potatoes, Carrot cake, Swiss r upside down cake, toad in the hole, stir Bolognese, fajitas, pizza wheels, roux sau curry sauce, burgers, chocolate mousse. Skills
	 Spreading, mixing, rubbing in, creaming, dividing, shaping, cutting, rolling, boiling, bridge hold and claw grip, stirring, glazing, grating, peeling, shallow frying, knife skills, simmering, reducing, measuring, pouring, whisking, chopping, coating, all in one, chilling, melting 	 Skills Spreading, mixing, rubbing in, creaming, dividing, shaping, cutting, rolling, boiling, bridge hold and claw grip, stirring, glazing, grating, peeling, shallow frying, knife skills, simmering, reducing, measuring, pouring, whisking, chopping, coating, all in one, chilling, melting 	 Spreading, mixing, rubbing in, creamidividing, shaping, cutting, rolling, boiling, bridhold and claw grip, stirring, glazing, gratipeeling, shallow frying, knife skills, simmerided reducing, measuring, pouring, whisk chopping, coating, all in one, chilling, melting
	Food Provenance and Nutrition		Food Provenance and Nutrition
	 Indian, Mexican and Italian food Factors effecting food choice Why we need energy in our diet Vegan diet Bread making functions Function of cake ingredients Micro and macro nutrients 	 Food Provenance and Nutrition Indian, Mexican and Italian food Factors effecting food choice Why we need energy in our diet Vegan diet Bread making functions Function of cake ingredients Micro and macro nutrients 	 Indian, Mexican and Italian food Factors effecting food choice Why we need energy in our diet Vegan diet Bread making functions Function of cake ingredients Micro and macro nutrients