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AUTUMN					
1	Diverse Shorts	2	Living Side by Side <i>Tender Earth</i> , Sita Brahmachari; <i>The Colour of Humanity</i> , Bali Rai	Power, Freedom + Control <i>Crongton Knights</i> , Alex Wheatle; <i>The Hate U Give</i> , Angie Thomas; <i>1984</i> , George Orwell	A Long Read 'Brownies', ZZ Packer
2	Literary Shorts	2	What Is a Story? 'The Paradise Carpet', Jamila Gavin; 'The Gulf', Geraldine McCaughrean	Comparing Stories 'The Flowers', Alice Walker; 'I Used to Live Here Once', Jean Rhys; 'Dog, Cat, and Baby', Joe Lansdale; 'Oliver's Evolution', John Updike	Reader Response 'One of These Days' Gabriel Garcia Marquez; 'Two Words', Isabel Allende
3	Poetry Plus	2	What Is a Poem? Different ingredients that go into the form; anthology work	Lost in Translation Exploring how poems in translation take on new meanings	Poems on the Theme of Love Poems about love across time
4	Language Laboratory	2	Standard! Exploring Standard and Non-Standard English	The Power of Voice Short story by Sita Brahmachari	Text Transformations Playing around with texts
5	Novels	7	A Faster, Immersive Read <i>Tinder</i> , Sally Gardner; <i>The Wolf Wilder</i> , Katherine Rundell	A Faster, Immersive Read <i>Salt to the Sea</i> , Ruta Sepetys; <i>Max</i> , Sarah Cohen Scali	A Faster, Immersive Read <i>A Christmas Carol</i> , Charles Dickens + <i>Surrender</i> , Sonya Hartnett
SPRING					
6	Language Laboratory	3	Writers' Choices Range of authors including Alex Wheatle + Marcus Sedgwick	Newsdesk! Vocabulary, punctuation and grammar in the news	The Language Laboratory Experiments with vocabulary, punctuation and grammar
7	Non-fiction Shorts	2	Kill or Cure Texts exploring quack cures in 19th century	My Story First person accounts of key life events	Sports Shorts Reports, articles and opinion pieces from the world of sport
8	Literary Shorts	2	Family With a Twist 'Resigned', Meg Rosoff; 'Happily Ever After', Barbara Bleiman	Terrific Twists 'The Hitch-hiker', Roald Dahl; 'The Necklace', Guy de Maupassant	Reading Critically 'A Cup of Tea', Katherine Mansfield; 'Subha' Rabindranath Tagore
9	Poetry Plus	3	Say It Out Loud! Study of oral traditions from Beowulf to slams	Poet Study Robert Frost	Poet Study Inua Ellams
SUMMER					
10	Drama	5	Contemporary Drama	Introduction to Shakespeare	Shakespeare Romeo and Juliet
11	Language Laboratory	2	Evolving Language How grammar, punctuation + vocabulary change over time	Language Variety Exploring accent and dialect	Skool Rools! Debates about language and school
12	Non-fiction Shorts	2	Looking for Adventure Writing showing humans pushed to extremes	Brainwaves Articles that delve into the mysteries of the human brain	Holding Hands in the Dark Writing about facing and overcoming adversity
13	Poetry Plus	2	The Choices Poets Make How poets draw on a range of forms, voices + styles	Poets Speaking Out Poetry that addresses issues head on	Using Poetry Anthologies
14	Diverse Shorts	2	Respect for Others <i>May Malone</i> , David Almond; <i>Welcome to Nowhere</i> , Elizabeth Laird; <i>Refugee Boy</i> , Benjamin Zephaniah	Justice <i>Terror Kid</i> , Benjamin Zephaniah; <i>Looking for JJ</i> , Ann Cassidy; <i>Every Man Dies Alone</i> , Hans Fallada	Challenging Assumptions 'My Polish Teacher's Tie', Helen Dunmore; 'Loose Change', Andrea Levy; 'Liking What You See', Ted Chiang

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4	Language	6	KS3 LANGUAGE LABORATORY Standard! Exploring Standard and Non-Standard English Writers' Choices Range of authors including Alex Wheatle + Marcus Sedgwick Evolving Language How grammar, punctuation + vocabulary change over time	KS3 LANGUAGE LABORATORY The Power of Voice Short story by Sita Brahmachari Newsdesk! Vocabulary, punctuation and grammar in the news Language Variety Exploring accent and dialect	KS3 LANGUAGE LABORATORY Text Transformations Playing around with texts The Language Laboratory Experiments with vocabulary, punctuation and grammar Skool Rools! Debates about language and school
5	Poetry	6	KS3 POETRY PLUS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What Is a Poem? Say It Out Loud! The Choices Poets Make 	KS3 POETRY PLUS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lost in Translation Poets Speaking Out Poet Study Robert Frost 	KS3 POETRY PLUS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Poems on the Theme of Love Poet Study Inua Ellams Using poetry anthologies
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