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Autumn 1 (September – October) to Autumn 2 (October – December)	Chemical reactions This topic includes lots of practical opportunities and so supports the development of practical skills in a lab. It builds on many areas of study from middle school including the pH scale, the test for hydrogen, word equations and provides opportunity to build on prior learning throughout.
Spring 1 (January – February) to Spring 2 (February – March)	Metals and reactivity This topic introduces key concepts in chemistry such as conservation of mass in chemical reactions and the relative reactivity of elements. It builds on topic 1 with further opportunity for word and symbol equations.
Summer 1 (April – June) to Summer 2 (June – July)	Energy in chemical reactions This lesson links with the first key stage 4 Chemistry topic as it covers particle theory and energy changes in reactions. This content underpins the key stage 4 topic of changes of state and energy in reactions.