

SUBJECT		YEAR	TERM
Creative Media		8	2
UNIT			
Mandalas			
INTENT			
PRIOR LEARNING (TOPIC) This unit builds upon skills learnt in previous graphic design units, such as Quote Poster.			
In the previous unit, Quote Posters, pupils focused upon images, colour and composition. This unit is less interested in images and colour, but instead focuses almost entirely upon composition, this includes symmetry, negative space and alignment.			
To demonstrate these skills pupils have to create a page containing a mandala for a mindful colouring book. At the end of the unit all of the pupil work will be brought together to form the entire book.			
FUTURE LEARNING (TOPIC): Branding and Logos			
IMPLEMENTATION		IMPACT	
Throughout the unit pupils will learn: <ul style="list-style-type: none">How to use tools in CorelDraw to:<ul style="list-style-type: none">Create complex shapes.Create symmetry.Align accurately.How to apply composition techniques such as:<ul style="list-style-type: none">Negative space.Alignment.Symmetry.		Assessment: Pupils will submit their finished page along with a supporting document explaining the design choices they made. This will be assessed on these three main areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Quality of productQuality of supporting evidenceOverall effort A combination of these three factors will be used to form a 9-1 style grading for the project.	
HOW CAN PARENTS HELP AT HOME?			
Although the software we use, CorelDraw, is not freely available, there are alternatives which are. A good example is Inkscape, which can be downloaded at home onto any Mac or PC. Pupils can then use online tutorials to further improve their graphic design skills.			
HELPFUL READING/FURTHER DISCUSSION			
READING/EXTRA-LEARNING There are an enormous number of online courses and tutorials to help pupils develop their graphic design skills further. Visit the Next Steps section of the Computing department's Firefly page for more details.		CAREERS The most obvious career from this unit is graphic design. However, the skills developed in this unit also lead into other creative careers, such as architecture and animation.	WIDER SKILLS Digital Literacy Creative Thinking Resilience
VOCABULARY			
Symmetry, Alignment, Negative Space			