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Lie on the ground and star gaze,
what stories do you see?

Listen to the sounds around you and devise a symphony based on what you hear.

Make a birthday card for someone
who might never receive one.

Design a hat that displays
your best characteristics.

Think of a really sad story and
turn it upside down.

Explore everything in a Museum or Art gallery.
What is the most valuable object? Why?

The world has run out of new jokes,
can you make one?

Bert carries his home on his back,
what does it look like?

A river is being uncovered in Coventry,
to celebrate design the most
elaborate craft to sail in.

Create a play on the bus.

Write a rap to inspire the
swans of swanswell pool.

Explore a garden.
What can you see, what can you smell?

Tell someone without words
about your adventure....

Visit the Herbert Arts Gallery and find an object. Who owns it? How do you know?

Plan a flash mob.

Visit the Herbert Art Gallery
and find your favourite artwork.

Create a dance to animate it.

Go Elephant finding in Coventry and map your
journey for the next explorer...

At Coventry Transport museum sketch as many different parts that make a car.

Design a new sculpture from these parts to sit outside the museum.

Dress up as your favourite musician and convince everyone that they're the best.

What spaces outside do you have? Create an outdoor pantomime to animate one.

Create a map of where everyone comes from.

Create a music event that celebrates the
female music industry.

Go on a walk and find a poem...

Make a 3D map of Coventry and
where everybody lives.

Write a song using words from
your best friend.

What needs to be invented?

What would an edible place
of worship look like?

Create a dance for Lady Godiva.

Create a silent comedy about a pen
to make your friends laugh.

Write a song about the life of a duck.

Write a historical rap about Queens.

How many people does it take
to create a moving Elephant?

What would Peeping Tom rap
to explain his behaviour?

What's your favourite song? Cut up all the words and make a new one.

Write a story inspired by a Tesco shopping list.

Design a park for Coventry City Centre.

You are a cake designer.
'I'm late, I'm late for a very important date'
is your current brief.

What song would a cow sing
to put a calf to sleep?

Create an animation with a pen.

Design an activity about Coventry you could
take on buses to welcome people to the city.

The roads need more joy.
Can you design better looking buses?

Create a sonata using traffic sounds.

Pick a character from the Bayeux tapestry.
What is their story?

What can you create that will be here
today and gone the next?

You are a nocturnal animal.
Write a poem about the night.

Invent a new type of shoe.

Fly a bass guitar to the North Pole and
write a piece of music about it.

The life and times of Godiva with music. Go!

Use your moves to squash all the cakes.

It's the 14th of November 1940 and you've just
seen Coventry Cathedral get bombed.

You have no words.
Use your body to tell everyone how it felt.

You've just performed your biggest gig
to date at the Ricoh arena.

Re-live the experience by writing
to your penpal.

There's something stange in your teacup!
Tell the world with a poem.

Find a big space to recreate the big bang.

Strange things happen when
the children are not around.

Create a play about the
secret lives of teachers.

Congratulations!

You've got your first cook book commission
on the theme of children books.

How many rhymes can you see?

How would the story go if Little Red Riding Hood's grandma lived in in the rainforest, and the wolf was actually a tiger?

You are magnificent! You are a Tiger.

You deserve a poem as majestic as you are.
Write one using your stripes.

Invent a robot teacher of the future.

A fairytale is yet to be written about a hill in
the distance where a large castle stands tall
and underneath it lives an Elephant.

How many Haikus can you
create about a fruit?

Can you collect different stories and
memories from your school community and
find a way to share them?

Create a musical to raise awareness of
animals facing extinction.

Create a spoken word poem
to advertise Godiva Festival.

Do a bit of research about
Greek Comedies and Tragedies.

Can you create one in a Coventry location?

What would the inner monologue
of a raspberry be?

Write a story about a fox, without
mentioning the word fox.

Write a play inspired by
the work of a historian.

Choose a song that exists and change the words to make it a song about a historical Coventry person.

Paint a picture without using your hands.

Make an interesting shaped viewfinder.
What can you see?

Create a mosaic of Coventry using pictures of
Coventry and the people who live there.

Paint a picture using only black and white.

Create a patchwork quilt about your school.

Pick an area and yarn bomb it.

Find a way to share your feelings about doing something for the first time.

Create a flag for your family.

Create a piece of music about the
environment using recycled materials.

Create a comic book inspired by a
Shakespeare play.

Send a gesture all around Coventry schools
and collect images of them doing it.

Create a history display about where you live.

Imagine the Warwick Arts centre
Art trail came alive.

Make a picture of the parade.

Curate an exhibition titled
'the world through a dog's eyes'.

Find as many patterns as you can, create a
new one for a butterfly.

Make a horseshoe stamp and use it
to create a picture of Lady Godiva.

Use pictures from newspapers and
magazines to make a pattern.

Hold an awards ceremony for your class.
What award would everyone win?

You find a seed. Imagine what
shape and colour it is.

What will grow when you plant it?
Make a model of this new species.

Create a musical instrument from something unusual, like vegetables, fruits or recycling materials. Perform a concert.

Listen to a piece of music and
let your pencil draw the music.

Create a fashion show using only newspaper.

Record an audio story of an
adventure into a secret garden.

Recreate the sounds you hear and
describe the things you smell and see.

Close your eyes and let someone take you
for a walk. Create a piece of music using only
your voice to remember how it felt.

Imagine you are Sir Frank Whittle.

Recreate the first ever jet engine
using only your bodies.

Each sing the line of any song.

How can you turn this into
a new number one hit?

Make a den.

Create a 'dream holder' using a large jar.

Fill it with your dreams using colour and different textures to represent the dreams, then share the dreams with other people.

Each share a single dance move.

Piece these together to make an amazing
never seen before dance sequence.

Design a city for the future using
only card and paper.

Create a sensory trail around your learning space, inspire each other with surprising sights, smells, sounds and even tastes...

Take inspiration from a cabinet of curiosities, like the 'what's in store' display at the Herbert Art Gallery, to create a new never seen before object or animal.





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