

Design and Technology Progression of Skills

DESIGNING							
Early Years	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	
Select appropriate	Have own ideas.	Have own ideas and	Begin to research	Use research for design	Use internet and	Draw on market	
resources.	Explain what I want to	plan what to do next.	others' needs.	ideas.	questionnaires for research and design	research to inform design.	
Use gestures, talking	do.	Explain what I want to	Show design meets a	Show design meets a	ideas.		
and arrangements of		do and describe how I	range of requirements.	range of requirements		Use research of user's	
materials and components to show	Explain what my product is for, and how	may do it.	Describe purpose of	and is fit for purpose.	Take a user's view into account when	individual needs, wants, requirements	
design.	it will work.	Explain purpose of product, how it will	product.	Begin to create own design criteria.	designing.	for design.	
Use contexts set by the	Use pictures and words	work and how it will be	Follow a given design	design criteria.	Begin to consider	Identify features of	
teacher and myself.	to plan, begin to use models.	suitable for the user.	criteria.	Have at least one idea about how to create	needs/wants of individuals/groups	design that will appeal to the intended user.	
Use language of		Describe design using	Have at least one idea	product and suggest	when designing and		
designing and making	Design a product for	pictures, words,	about how to create	improvements for	ensure product is fit for	Create own design	
(join, build, shape, longer, shorter, heavier	myself following design criteria.	models, diagrams, begin to use ICT.	product.	design.	purpose.	criteria and specification.	
etc).			Create a plan which	Produce a plan and	Create own design		
	Research similar existing products.	Design products for myself and others	shows order, equipment and tools.	explain it to others.	criteria.	Come up with innovative design ideas.	
		following design		Say how realistic plan	Have a range of ideas.		
		criteria.	Describe design using	is.		Follow and refine a	
			an accurately labelled		Produce a logical,	logical plan.	
		Choose best tools and	sketch and words.	Include an annotated	realistic plan and		
		materials, and explain		sketch.	explain it to others.	Use annotated	
		choices.	Make design decisions.			sketches,	

	Use knowledge of existing products to produce ideas.	Explain how product will work.	Make and explain design decisions considering availability	Use cross-sectional planning and annotated sketches.	cross-sectional planning and exploded diagrams.
	·	Make a prototype.	of resources.	Make design decisions	Make design decisions, considering, resources
		Begin to use computers to show design.	Explain how product will work.	considering time and resources.	and cost.
			Make a prototype.	Clearly explain how parts of product will	Clearly explain how parts of design will work, and how they are
			Begin to use computers to show design.	work.	fit for purpose.
				Model and refine design ideas by making prototypes and using pattern pieces.	Independently model and refine design ideas by making prototypes and using pattern pieces.
				Use computer-aided designs.	Use computer-aided designs.

MAKING						
Early Years	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Construct with a purpose, using a variety of resources.	Explain what I'm making and why. Consider what I need to	Explain what I am making and why it fits the purpose.	Select suitable tools/equipment, explain choices; begin to use them accurately.	Select suitable tools and equipment, explain choices in relation to required techniques	Use selected tools/equipment with good level of precision.	Use selected tools and equipment precisely. Produce suitable lists of
Use simple tools and techniques.	do next. Select tools/equipment	Make suggestions as to what I need to do next.	Select appropriate materials, fit for	and use accurately. Select appropriate	Produce suitable lists of tools, equipment / materials needed.	tools, equipment, materials needed, considering constraints.
Build / construct with a wide range of objects.	to cut, shape, join, finish and explain choices.	Join materials / components together in different ways.	purpose. Work through plan in	materials, fit for purpose; explain choices.	Select appropriate materials, fit for	
Select tools & techniques to shape, assemble and join.		Measure, mark out, cut and shape materials	order.	Work through plan in order.	purpose; explain choices, considering functionality.	

Replicate structures with materials / components. Discuss how to make an activity safe and hygienic. Record experiences by drawing, writing, voice recording. Understand different media can be combined for a purpose.	Measure, mark out, cut and shape, with support. Choose suitable materials and explain choices. Try to use finishing techniques to make product look good. Work in a safe and hygienic manner.	and components, with support. Describe which tools I'm using and why. Choose suitable materials and explain choices depending on characteristics. Use finishing techniques to make product look good. Work safely and hygienically.	Consider how good product will be. Begin to measure, mark out, cut and shape materials / components with some accuracy. Begin to assemble, join and combine materials and components with some accuracy. Begin to apply a range of finishing techniques with some accuracy.	Realise if product is going to be good quality. Measure, mark out, cut and shape materials / components with some accuracy. Assemble, join and combine materials and components with some accuracy. Apply a range of finishing techniques with some accuracy.	Create and follow detailed step-by-step plan. Explain how product will appeal to an audience. Mainly accurately measure, mark out, cut and shape materials / components. Mainly accurately assemble, join and combine materials / components. Mainly accurately apply a range of finishing techniques. Use techniques that involve a small number of steps. Begin to be resourceful with practical problems.	Select appropriate materials, fit for purpose; explain choices, considering functionality and aesthetics. Create, follow, and adapt detailed step-bystep plans. Explain how product will appeal to audience; make changes to improve quality. Accurately measure, mark out, cut and shape materials / components. Accurately assemble, join and combine materials / components. Accurately apply a range of finishing techniques. Use techniques that involve a number of steps. Be resourceful with practical problems.
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Adapt work if	Talk about my work,	Describe what went	Look at design criteria	Refer to design criteria	Evaluate quality of	Evaluate quality of
necessary.	linking it to what I was	well, thinking about	while designing and	while designing and	design while designing	design while designing
	asked to do.	design criteria.	making.	making.	and making.	and making; is it fit for
Dismantle, examine,						purpose?
talk about existing	Talk about existing	Talk about existing	Use design criteria to	Use criteria to evaluate	Evaluate ideas and	
objects/structures.	products considering:	products considering:	evaluate finished	product.	finished product	Keep checking design is
	use, materials, how	use, materials, how	product.		against specification,	best it can be.
Consider and manage	they work, audience,	they work, audience,		Begin to explain how I	considering purpose	
some risks.	where they might be	where they might be	Say what I would	could improve original	and appearance.	Evaluate ideas and
	used.	used; express personal	change to make design	design.		finished product
Practise some		opinion.	better.		Test and evaluate final	against specification,
appropriate safety	Talk about existing			Evaluate existing	product.	stating if it's fit for
measure	products, and say what	Evaluate how good	Begin to evaluate	products, considering:		purpose.
independently.	is and isn't good.	existing products are.	existing products,	how well they've been	Evaluate and discuss	
			considering: how well	made, materials,	existing products,	Test and evaluate final
Talk about how things	Talk about things that	Talk about what I	they have been made,	whether they work,	considering: how well	product; explain what
work.	other people have	would do differently if I	materials, whether they	how they have been	they've been made,	would improve it and
	made.	were to do it again and	work, how they have	made, fit for purpose.	materials, whether they	the effect different
Look at similarities and		why.	been made, fit for		work, how they have	resources may have
differences between	Begin to talk about		purpose.	Discuss by whom, when	been made, fit for	had.
existing objects /	what could make			and where products	purpose.	
materials / tools.	product better.		Begin to understand by	were designed.		Do thorough
			whom, when and		Begin to evaluate how	evaluations of existing
Show an interest in			where products were	Research whether	much products cost to	products considering:
technological toys.			designed.	products can be	make and how	how well they've been
				recycled or reused.	innovative they are.	made, materials,
Describe textures.			Learn about some			whether they work,
			inventors / designers /	Know about some	Research how	how they've been
			engineers / chefs /	inventors / designers /	sustainable materials	made, fit for purpose.
			manufacturers of	engineers / chefs /	are.	
			ground-breaking	manufacturers of		Evaluate how much
			products.	ground-breaking		products cost to make
				products.		and how innovative
						they are.

		Talk about some key inventors / designers / engineers / chefs / manufacturers of	Research and discuss how sustainable materials are.
		ground-breaking products.	Consider the impact of products beyond their intended purpose.
			Discuss some key inventors / designers / engineers / chefs / manufacturers of ground-breaking products.

	TECHNICAL KNOWLEDGE - Materials and Structures								
Early Years	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6			
	Begin to measure and join materials, with some support. Describe differences in	Measure materials. Describe some different characteristics of materials.	Use appropriate materials. Work accurately to make cuts and holes.	Measure carefully to avoid mistakes. Attempt to make product strong.	Select materials carefully, considering intended use of product and appearance.	Select materials carefully, considering intended use of the product, the aesthetics and functionality.			
	materials.								
	Suggest ways to make material/product	Join materials in different ways.	Join materials. Begin to make strong	Continue working on product even if original didn't work.	Explain how product meets design criteria.	Explain how product meets design criteria.			
	stronger.	Use joining, rolling or folding to make it stronger.	structures.	Make a strong, stiff structure.	Measure accurately enough to ensure precision.	Reinforce and strengthen a 3D frame.			
		Use own ideas to try to make product stronger.			Ensure product is strong and fit for purpose.				
					Begin to reinforce and strengthen a 3D frame.				

TECHNICAL KNOWLEDGE – Mechanisms							
Early Years	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	
	Begin to use levers or slides.	Use levers or slides. Begin to understand how to use wheels and axles.	Select appropriate tools / techniques. Alter product after checking, to make it better.	Select most appropriate tools / techniques. Explain alterations to product after checking it.	Refine product after testing. Grow in confidence about trying new / different ideas.	Refine product after testing, considering aesthetics, functionality and purpose. Incorporate hydraulics and pneumatics.	
			Begin to try new / different ideas. Use simple lever and linkages to create movement.	Grow in confidence about trying new / different ideas. Use levers and linkages to create movement.	Begin to use cams, pulleys or gears to create movement.	Be confident to try new / different ideas. Use cams, pulleys and gears to create	
			movement.	Use pneumatics to create movement.		Movement.	

TECHNICAL KNOWLEDGE – Textiles							
Early Years	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	
	Measure, cut and join textiles to make a product, with some support. Choose suitable textiles	Measure textiles. Join textiles together to make a product, and explain how I did it. Carefully cut textiles to produce accurate pieces.	Join different textiles in different ways. Choose textiles considering appearance and functionality.	Think about user when choosing textiles. Think about how to make product strong. Begin to devise a template.	Think about user and aesthetics when choosing textiles. Use own template. Think about how to make product strong and look better.	Think about user's wants/needs and aesthetics when choosing textiles. Make product attractive and strong. Make a prototype.	

Explain choices of	Begin to understand	Explain how to join	Think of a range of	Use a range of joining
textile.	that a simple fabric	things in a different	ways to join things.	techniques.
	shape can be used to	way.		
Understand that a 3D	make a 3D textiles		Begin to understand	Think about how
textile structure can be	project.	Understand that a	that a single 3D textiles	product might be sold.
made from two		simple fabric shape can	project can be made	Think carefully about
identical fabric shapes.		be used to make a 3D	from a combination of	what would improve
		textiles project.	fabric shapes.	product.
				Understand that a
				single 3D textiles
				project can be made
				from a combination of
				fabric shapes.

TECHNICAL KNOWLEDGE – Food and Nutrition							
Early Years	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	
Begin to understand some food preparation tools, techniques and	Describe textures. Wash hands & clean	Explain hygiene and keep a hygienic kitchen.	Carefully select ingredients.	Explain how to be safe/hygienic.	Explain how to be safe / hygienic and follow own guidelines.	Understand a recipe can be adapted by adding / substituting	
processes.	surfaces.	Describe properties of ingredients and	Use equipment safely.	Think about presenting product in interesting/	Present product well -	ingredients.	
Practise stirring, mixing, pouring, blending.	Think of interesting ways to decorate food.	importance of varied diet.	Make product look attractive.	attractive ways. Understand ingredients	interesting, attractive, fit for purpose.	Explain seasonality of foods.	
Discuss how to make an activity safe and hygienic.	Say where some foods come from, (i.e. plant or animal).	Say where food comes from (animal, underground etc).	Think about how to grow plants to use in cooking.	can be fresh, pre-cooked or processed.	Begin to understand seasonality of foods.	Learn about food processing methods.	
Discuss use of senses. Understand need for	Describe differences between some food groups (i.e. sweet,	Describe how food is farmed, home-grown, caught.	Begin to understand food comes from UK and wider world.	Begin to understand about food being grown, reared or	Understand food can be grown, reared or caught in the UK and the wider world.	Name some types of food that are grown, reared or caught in the UK or wider world.	
variety in food. Begin to understand that eating well	vegetable etc). Discuss how fruit and vegetables are healthy.	Draw eat well plate; explain there are groups of food .	Describe how healthy diet = variety / balance of food/drinks.	caught in the UK or wider world.		Adapt recipes to change appearance, taste, texture or aroma.	

contributes to good	Cut, peel and grate	Describe "five a day".	Explain how food and	Describe eat well plate	Describe how recipes	Describe some of the
health	safely, with support.		drink are needed for	and how a healthy diet	can be adapted to	different substances in
		Cut, peel and grate with	active/healthy bodies.	= variety / balance of	change appearance,	food and drink, and
		increasing confidence.		food and drinks.	taste, texture, aroma.	how they can affect
			Prepare and cook some			health.
			dishes safely and	Explain importance of	Explain how there are	
			hygienically.	food and drink for	different substances in	Prepare and cook a
				active, healthy bodies.	food / drink needed for	variety of savoury
			Grow in confidence		health.	dishes safely and
			using some of the	Prepare and cook some		hygienically including,
			following techniques:	dishes safely and	Prepare and cook some	where appropriate, the
			peeling, chopping,	hygienically.	savoury dishes safely	use of heat source.
			slicing, grating, mixing,		and hygienically	
			spreading, kneading	Use some of the	including, where	Use a range of
			and baking.	following techniques:	appropriate, use of	techniques confidently
				peeling, chopping,	heat source.	such as peeling,
				slicing, grating, mixing,	_	chopping, slicing,
				spreading, kneading	Use range of	grating, mixing,
				and baking.	techniques such as	spreading, kneading
					peeling, chopping,	and baking.
					slicing, grating, mixing,	
					spreading, kneading	
					and baking.	

TECHNICAL KNOWLEDGE – Electrical Systems							
Early Years	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	
			Use simple circuit in product.	Use number of components in circuit.	Incorporate switch into product.	Use different types of circuit in product.	
			Learn about how to program a computer to control product.	Program a computer to control product.	Confidently use number of components in circuit.	Think of ways in which adding a circuit would improve product.	

		Begin to be able to program a computer to monitor changes in	Program a computer to monitor changes in environment and
		environment and control product.	control product.