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Teaching and learning of Design Technology in the Early Years

Overview and aims of the Curriculum

The EYFS framework is organized across seven areas of learning. The most relevant statements for Design Technology are taken from the Physical Development and Expressive Arts and Design areas of learning. In addition, Communication and Language underpins the curriculum and is integral to children learning. Children are taught key vocabulary and are encouraged to express their own ideas and viewpoints. Our Early Years curriculum is designed to ensure children are taught and are able to practice the prerequisite skills and vocabulary to successfully access Design Technology in later years. This is achieved by teaching specific skills or knowledge through short focus tasks and by adult modelling and interactions during Continuous Provision. During provision time, adults encourage children to talk about what they want to make and help them evaluate their creations. Adults model key skills, encouraging children to practice and apply them to make their own creations. The Characteristics of Effective Learning are also central to Design Technology. Through 'Playing and Exploring', children are encouraged to investigate and have a go. Through 'Active learning', children concentrate and learn to keep on trying even when they encounter difficulties. Through 'Creating and thinking Critically', children have and develop their own ideas.

This means by the end of Reception children will have had opportunities to:

- •Safely use and explore a variety of materials, tools and techniques, experimenting with colour, design, texture, form and function.
- Share their creations, explaining the process they have used.
- Use a range of small tools, including scissors, paintbrushes and cutlery.

Continuous Provision across the Early Years- Coverage of objectives

Children across Early Years will have opportunities to:

- •To explore and respond to a wide range of media and materials
- •To construct with a purpose in mind, using different media and materials to express their own ideas.
- •To explore and experiment with different ways to build, construct and join materials.
- •To use a range of small tools competently, safely and confidently e.g. scissors, pencils, paintbrushes and knives.
- •To create, choosing their own resources for a product and adapting their work where necessary.

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- •To explore different materials freely to develop their ideas/opinions about how to use them and what to make.
- •To develop their own ideas by telling an adult what they are going to
- To design and construct with a purpose in mind, using different media and materials to express their ideas
- •To select from a range of resources and tools to create their chosen



ideas)	make and decide which materials to use to express them	product.
	To choose what they will need with adult support.	To communicate their ideas through talk.
		 To develop and communicate their ideas through drawing, using a
		design sheet
Making	To use simple tools and techniques	•To select tools and techniques to shape, assemble and join.
(key skills)	•To join different materials e.g. using tape and glue and explore	•To use a range of small tools competently, safely and confidently e.g.
	different textures.	scissors, pencils, paintbrushes and knives.
	 To use one handed tools and equipment e.g. making snips in paper with scissors 	 To use a range of small tools to cut, shape and join paper and card e.g. scissors and split pins
	 With adult support, follow a simple recipe to make porridge. 	 To explore joining different materials e.g. using tape
	 To understand we need to wash our hands before handling food. 	 To explore how to join different materials using Pva
		 To hold scissors correctly and use them safely
		 To use scissors to cut around a shape
		 To use split pins to join paper and create moveable body parts e.g.
		wings, ears and legs.
		To follow a simple recipe with adult support.
		To understand basic food hygiene.
		 To use simple utensils and equipment including a knife and chopping board to cut safely.
		●To use the bridge hold to cut soft foods
		 To practice mixing, stirring, pouring and combining ingredients.
		To cut shapes in dough using a cutter
		 To observe and talk about changes they can see after mixing and
		cooking.
		To choose ways to decorate and finish a product e.g. painting,
		sequins, buttons, crayons.
Evaluating	To talk about their model.	To share their creations with a friend saying how they are the same
	To discuss their work with an adult, saying what they like.	and different.
		•To talk about what they like best about their product/ creation.
		•To talk about what they like and dislike about their creations.
		 To share their creations explaining how they made them.



	•To return to previous learning and refine their ideas
	Continuous Provision: Resources, vocabulary and ongoing objectives
Construction area (Indoors)	Resources: Variety of small blocks, Community Play blocks (Variety of different sizes and shapes), stickle bricks, Duplo, mobilio, Lego, design sheets, labels, pictures of buildings, transport. Range of builder tools e.g. drill, saw and hammers. Children are encouraged to explore, problem solve, build and connect. Large rolls of paper and mark making equipment. Typical activities: Children create their own designs and make selections from the choices of resources that are available e.g. construct small houses/ farms shelters for farm animals, making fire engines and rockets. Key vocabulary: design, design sheet, plan, draw, label, balance, build, make, construct, structure, bricks, blocks, tower, short, tall, tallest, small, smallest, long, longer and tools.
Construction area (Outdoors)	Resources: Big wooden blocks, planks, milk crates, bread crates, wheels, tyres and plastic blocks. Den making materials, e.g. range of fabrics, bull dog clips, pegs, poles, tarpaulin and plastic sheeting. Typical activities: Building structures e.g. baby bears house or ice cream stall and creating their own transport e.g. buses, trains and rockets. Children are encouraged to work collaboratively to create their own dens, exploring how to build and balance blocks or attach materials. Key vocabulary: construct, build, design, plan, balance, construct, structure, bricks, blocks, in, through, on top, under, behind, next to, tall, tallest, big, small, short, tower and tools.
Malleable area	Resources: Variety of tools and equipment e.g. modelling tools, cutters, rolling pins, textured rolling pins, spoons, baking trays, pans, presses, plastic knives and equipment linked to food preparation. Variety of decorative items linked to theme of the week or children's interests. Playdough and plasticine. Typical activities: Dough disco, creating forms linked to stories e.g. aliens, chicks, owls, making cakes, creating mini beasts. Key vocabulary: twist, turn, push, pull, press, cutter, cut, roll, mix, combine, decorate, shape, recipe.
Creative area	Resources: Junk modelling items (E.g. boxes, tubes, bottle tops) felt tips, pencil crayons, markers, crayons, glue sticks, pva bottles and spreaders, variety of scissors, masking tape, split pins, cellotape, paperclips, string, pipe cleaners and lolly sticks. A variety of cards and papers, gummed paper, variety of decorative materials e.g. pom-poms, mosaic tiles, glitter, sequins and match sticks. Resources are added throughout the year as children demonstrate they are ready to extend their learning. Typical activities: Children are encouraged to create with a purpose using their own ideas. They select their own materials and explore ways to join materials. They may make stick puppets, crowns, collaging, bracelets, make cards, junk models. They are encouraged to decorate their designs using the available resources.



	Key vocabulary: card, paper, cardboard, join, thick, thin, glue, glue stick, scissors, fold, cut, press, decorate, stick, shape, create, finish, mix.					
Mark making/ Writing area	Resources: A variety of writing materials e.g. pens, pencils, crayons, pencil crayons, markers. Different sizes and thickness of paper, clipboards, whiteboards to create designs or make marks. Hole punch and sticky notes for labels. Chalks and large rolls of paper. Typical activities: Drawing and creating own pictures, creating labels and signs. Key vocabulary: plan, draw, write, design.					
Snack	Resources: Snack items e.g. apples, bananas, carrots, broad beans, raisins, tomatoes, cheese, crackers, yoghurts, cups, jugs, milk, water, juice, bottle, spoons, paper towels, tea towels, drainer, washing up liquid and safety knife. Typical activity: Children choose their own snack. They learn the names of a variety of fruits and vegetables. In Preschool there is a rolling snack and children are supported to choose, peel or cut their own snack. During the Reception year children are encouraged to wash up after snack, learning about cleanliness and hygiene. Key vocabulary: Names of fruits and vegetables e.g. apple, orange, banana, pears, broad beans, carrots, peel, wash, spread, healthy, unhealthy, bottle, jugs, spoon, drainer and tea towel.					
Mud kitchen Outdoors	Resources: Children choose from a range of resources such as Kitchen top, sink area, real life microwave, buckets, sieves, pots and pans, frying pan, scales, bread tin, jugs, bowls, whisks, ladle, masher, spoons and cutlery. Sensory resources e.g. pine cones, flour, pebbles, sticks, trugs/buckets of soil, grass and leaves. Typical activities: Role play using tools and equipment linked to food and drink preparation. Children create their own foods and recipes. They practice stirring and mixing, investigating what happens when you add water. Key vocabulary: cook, bake, whisk, bake, mix, roll pouring, stirring, add, altogether, what next? Spoon, fork, sieve, whisk, ladle, pan, microwave, masher, wooden, spoon. Adjectives for textures, positional vocabulary, verbs for mixing, Instructional commands, time connectives.					
Fine motor area	Resources: Threading items, nuts and bolts, laces, ribbon, weaving frames, variety of threading cards, hole punch, tweezers, hammer and shapes, scissors and cutting activities e.g. cutting paper, pasta, jelly. Key vocabulary: thread, push, pull, forwards, backwards, squeeze, cut, turn, twist, ribbon, laces					
All provision	To explore different materials, using all their senses.To manipulate and play with different materials.	 To explore malleable media e.g. clay, salt dough, playdough and sand. 				



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- •To make imaginative and complex small world with blocks and constructions kits e.g. make different buildings or a park.
- •To experiment and build with a range of construction materials.
- To construct, stacking blocks vertically and horizontally, making enclosures and creating spaces.
- •To join construction pieces together to build and balance
- To build structures such as houses and homes, using a variety of materials.
- •To select tools and techniques to shape, assemble and join.
- •To explore joining different materials e.g. using glue sticks.
- •To explore joining different materials e.g. using tape.
- •To explore joining different materials e.g. using split pins.
- •To explore how to join different materials e.g. using Pva.
- To develop control in holding and using jugs to pour, hammers and mark-making tools.
- •To develop a preference for a dominant hand.
- To use simple tools to effect changes to materials.
- To practice using simple tools and techniques.
- To hold scissors correctly and use them safely.
- To use scissors without the support of an adult and with increasing control.
- To make snips with scissors in paper.
- To use scissors to cut in a straight line.
- •To use scissors to cut in a curved line.
- To use scissors to cut around a shape.
- To use one handed tools and equipment e.g. making snips in paper with scissors.
- To use a range of small tools competently, safely and confidently e.g. scissors, pencils, paintbrushes and knives.

- To manipulate malleable materials, developing control e.g. play dough to create form by pushing, rolling, pinching.
- •To cut shapes using cutters and other modelling tools.
- To use a hammer to attach wooden shapes to a board.
- •To thread laces, string and ribbon through a variety of shapes and resources.
- •To be able to tear paper
- •To be able to fold paper.
- To join materials by overlapping.
- •To use different materials to collage.
- •To explore and experiment to create different textures.
- •To understand basic hygiene.
- •To practice mixing, stirring, pouring and combining ingredients.
- •To know they need to wash their hands and clean surfaces before preparing food.
- To talk about the taste and texture of different foods
- To choose ways to decorate and finish a product e.g. painting, sequins, buttons, crayons.
- •To make simple models to express their ideas.
- •To make models using a variety of different materials
- •To select from a range of resources and tools to create their chosen product.
- To construct with a purpose in mind, using a variety of resources.
- •To manipulates materials to achieve a planned effect.
- •To create collaboratively sharing ideas and resources.
- To explore, use and refine a variety of artistic effects to express their ideas and feelings.
- To return to and build upon their previous learning, refining ideas and developing their ability to present them.
- To share their creations explaining how they made them.



Year Group Preschool	Term	Topic	Area of Design & Technology	Skills	Knowledge	Vocabulary
	Ongoing	Across the year		See Continuous Provision ob	jectives and opportunities above.	
	Autumn 2	Goldilocks and the three bears		porridge and toppings freely, to develop their opinions about whether to use them. To choose what they will need with adult support. Making	Technical Knowledge To know we stir with a spoon. To know we can pour milk from a jug. To know that a microwave is used to heat food. To know and name key utensils and ingredients such as spoon, microwave and jug, porridge oats, honey and jam.	Porridge oats, honey, jam, bowl, spoon, mix, jug, microwave
	Spring 2	The very hungry caterpillar	Food and Nutrition (Cutting fruit)	Designing To explore different fruits freely to develop their ideas about how to make their own fruit salad.	Technical Knowledge •To know and name a selection of fruits- apple, pear, strawberry, plums, oranges. •To know fruits are healthy	Apple, pear, strawberry, plums, oranges Knife, cut, salad



				 To talk about the taste of fruit saying which fruit they like the best. To develop their own ideas by telling an adult what fruits they want in their salad. To choose what they will need with adult support. 	 To know how to hold and use a knife safely with support. To know they need to wash their hands before preparing food. To know and use technical vocabulary relevant to the projectcut, knife, fruit names, salad. 	
				Making •To understand we need to wash our hands before handling food. •With support, to use simple tools and techniques e.g. cutting with bridge hold. •With support, use one handed tools e.g. knife. Evaluating •To discuss their fruit salad with		
				adult, saying what they liked best.		
Year group Reception	Term	Topic	Area of Design & Technology	Skills	Knowledge	Vocabulary
		Healthy Eating Fruit kebabs linked to	Food and nutrition (Cutting fruit)	, ,	Technical Knowledge To know and name a selection of fruits To know fruit is part of a healthy	fruit names e.g. Kiwi, banana, melon, strawberry names of equipment and



Kitchen	Disco	 To decide which fruit they would like to include in their kebab through investigating a variety of fruit. To talk about the taste and texture of fruit saying which fruit they like the best. To communicate their ideas through talk. Making To use simple utensils and equipment including a knife and chopping board to cut safely. To use the bridge hold to cut soft foods To select from a range of fruit 	diet. To know how to hold and use a knife safely. To know what the 'bridge hold' is. To know they need to wash their hands and clean surfaces before preparing food. To know and use technical vocabulary relevant to the project.	utensils e.g. knife, chopping board, skewer senses vocabulary e.g. soft, hard, juicy, sweet, smooth, rough. skin, peel, seed, pip, bridge hold, cutting, healthy diet, planning, tasting, design, favourite
2 Junk mo	nemed Structures odel rockets (Joining materials)	purpose in mind using different materials to express their ideas. •To select from a range of resources and tools to create	Technical knowledge To know and name the main features of a rocket/ robot. To know how to hold scissors correctly To know how to join materials	Rocket- cone, boosters, flames, body robot- body parts, antennae, join, decorate,
		their chosen product. To communicate their ideas	using Pva. •To know how to join materials	masking tape, pva,



 			
	through talk.	using tape.	glue stick,
1 1 1		To know how to hold and use a	paint,
1 1 1	Making	paintbrush.	assemble,
	 To explore joining different 	To know and use technical	shape,
	materials e.g. using tape.	vocabulary relevant to the project.	bottle tops,
1 1 1	To explore how to join		tin foil,
	different materials using Pva.		pipe cleaners,
	To hold scissors correctly and		card,
	use them safely.		buttons,
	 To select tools and techniques 		crayons,
1 1 1	to shape, assemble and join		making,
	materials e.g. scissors, masking		finishing,
	tape and Pva.		cut,
	To use a range of small tools		shape,
	safely and competently e.g.		triangle,
	scissors, pencils, paintbrushes		square,
	and Pva.		circle,
	 To choose ways to decorate 		same,
	and finish a product e.g.		different,
	painting, sequins, buttons, felt		like,
	tips and crayons.		dislike.
	Evaluating		
	•To share their creations with a		
	friend saying how they are the		
	same and different.		
	 To talk about what they like 		
	and dislike about their creations		



s	pring	Gingerbread	Food and	Designing	Technical Knowledge	plan,
1		people	Nutrition	•To design and construct with a	To know what a recipe is.	design,
		(Baking)		purpose in mind using different	To know what ingredients means.	design sheet,
				media and materials to express	To know they need to wash their	shape,
				their ideas e.g. design	hands and clean surfaces before	decorations,
				gingerbread person to sell.	preparing food.	design sheet,
				 To select from a range of 	To know how to use a rolling pin	gingerbread,
				resources and tools to create	and cutter to create shapes in	ingredients,
				their chosen product.	dough	recipe
				 To develop and communicate 	To know what dough is	rolling pin,
				their ideas through drawing,	 To know it is important to use 	cutter,
				using a design sheet.	oven gloves when removing hot	bowl,
					food from an oven.	spoon,
				Making	To know that putting the dough in	mix,
				 To follow a simple recipe with 	the oven will cause it to change.	stir,
				adult support.	To know how to join simple	pour,
				 To understand basic food 	decorations to their finished	combine,
				hygiene.	product e.g. smarties, strawberry	dough,
				 To use a range of small tools 	laces with icing.	change,
				safely and competently e.g.		same,
				spoons, rolling pin.		different,
				To practice mixing, stirring,		hard, soft
				pouring and combining		sticky,
				ingredients.		wet,
				 To cut shapes in dough using a 		dry,
				cutter		oven,
				 To observe and talk about 		oven gloves,
				changes they can see after		temperature,
				mixing and cooking.		icing,
				 To choose suitable ways to 		I wonder what would
				decorate and finish their		happen if



			product e.g. icing, smartie buttons, laces. Evaluating •To share their creations explaining how they made them. •To return to previous learning and refine their ideas		How did you? What did you do first? Next? What would you do differently next time? What would you change? Why?
Spring 2	Easter chicks/ rabbits	moveable body parts)	purpose in mind, using different media and materials to express their ideas •To select from a range of resources and tools to create their chosen product. •To develop and communicate their ideas through drawing, using a design sheet	To know how to join paper and card using a split pin To know that using a split pin will allow the paper to move To know how to hold scissors correctly. To know how to use Pva to attach decorative items To know and use technical vocabulary relevant to the project.	plan, design, design sheet, paper fastener, split pin, join, move, moveable, pull, push, up, down, straight, curve, make, body parts e.g. legs, wings, beak, ears, feathers, nose. I wonder what would happen if How did you? What did you do first?



				 To use split pins to join paper and create moveable body parts e.g. wings, ears and legs. To choose suitable ways to decorate and finish their product e.g. feathers, eyes, felt tips. Evaluating To share their creations explaining how they made them. To return to previous learning and refine their ideas 		Next? What would you do differently next time? What would you change? Why?
Year Group 1 & 2	Term	Topic -	Area of Design & Technology	Skills	Knowledge	Vocabulary
Cycle A	2	Templates and Joining – Making a Christmas finger puppet.		appealing product for a chosen user and purpose based on simple design criteria. To generate, develop, model and communicate their ideas as appropriate through talking, drawing, templates, mock-ups and information and communication technology.	Technical Knowledge To know what is required from a given design criteria and know how to meet those requirements in your design. To know how simple 3-D textile products are made, using a template to create two identical shapes. To know how to join fabrics using different techniques e.g. running stitch, glue, stapling. To know how to use different	template, pattern pieces, mark out, join, decorate, finish features, suitable, quality mock-up, design brief, design criteria, make, evaluate, user,



			perform practical tasks such as marking out, cutting, joining and finishing. •To use a running stitch to join fabric. •To use a finishing technique such as painting, fabric crayons, stitching, sequins, buttons or ribbons. • To select from and use textiles according to their characteristics. Evaluating • To explore and evaluate a range of existing textile products relevant to the project being undertaken. •To evaluate their ideas throughout and their final products against original design criteria.	 To know and use technical vocabulary relevant to the project. To know the process of evaluation against original design criteria. 	purpose, function names of existing products, joining and finishing techniques, tools, fabrics, components
Spring 1	Preparing Fruit and Vegetables – making a savory	Nutrition	 To design appealing products for a particular user based on simple design criteria. To generate initial ideas and 	Technical Knowledge To know what is required from a given design criteria and know how to meet those requirements in your design.	fruit and vegetable names, names of equipment and utensils, sensory vocabulary e.g. soft,
	product.			 To know where a range of fruit and vegetables come from e.g. 	juicy, crunchy, sweet,



Summer	Freestanding	 To communicate these ideas through talk and drawings. Making To use simple utensils and equipment including a peeler, scissors, juicer and grater to peel, cut, slice, squeeze and grate safely. To use a knife to cut safely. To select from a range of fruit and vegetables according to their characteristics e.g. colour, texture and taste to create a chosen savoury product. Evaluating To explore a range of existing books and everyday products that use simple sliders and levers. To evaluate their product by discussing how well it works in relation to the purpose and the user and whether it meets design criteria. Designing 	farmed or grown at home. To know and use basic principles of a healthy and varied diet to prepare dishes, including how fruit and vegetables are part of the eatwell plate. To know which piece of simple equipment is best used on which food item. To know and use technical and sensory vocabulary relevant to the project. To know the process of evaluation against original design criteria.	sticky, smooth, sharp, crisp, sour, hard flesh, skin, seed, pip, core, slicing, peeling, cutting, squeezing, healthy diet, choosing, ingredients, planning, investigating tasting, arranging, popular, design, evaluate, criteria
2	Structures – Linked with	•To generate ideas based on	•To know what is required from a	fold,
	Great Fire of	simple design criteria and their own experiences, explaining	given design criteria and know how to meet those requirements in your	



London	what they could make.	design.	wall,
	 To develop, model and 		tower,
	communicate their ideas	To know how to join different	framework,
	through talking, mock-ups and	materials securely.	weak,
	drawings.	 To know the difference between 	strong,
		new and reclaimed materials.	base,
	Making	 To know how to make 	top,
	 To plan by suggesting what to 	freestanding structures stronger,	underneath,
	do next.	stiffer and more stable.	side,
	 To select and use tools, skills 	To know which finishing	edge,
	and techniques, explaining their	techniques are suitable for their	surface,
	choices.	product.	thinner,
	 To select new and reclaimed 	 To know and use technical 	thicker,
	materials and construction kits		corner,
	to build their structures.	To know the process of evaluation	l'
	 To use tape and glue to secure 	against original design criteria.	straight,
	parts of their structure together.		curved metal,
	 To use simple finishing 		wood,
	techniques suitable for the		plastic circle,
	structure they are creating.		triangle,
			square,
	Evaluating		rectangle,
	 To explore a range of existing 		cuboid,
	freestanding structures in the		cube,
	school and local environment		cylinder design,
	e.g. everyday products and		make,
	buildings.		evaluate,
	To evaluate their product by		user,
	discussing how well it works in		purpose,
	relation to the purpose, the user		ideas,
	and whether it meets the		design criteria,



			original design criteria.		product,
					function
Year Group Term 1 & 2	Topic -	Area of Design & Technology	Skills	Knowledge	Vocabulary
Cycle B Autumn 2	Sliders and Levers – Christmas cards	Mechanisms	own experiences, explaining what they could make. • To develop, model and communicate their ideas through drawings and mock-ups with card and paper. Making • To plan by suggesting what to do next. • To select and use tools, explaining their choices, to cut, shape and join paper and card. • To use either a simple slider or	 To know what is required from a given design criteria and know how to meet those requirements in your design. To know how to join paper and card To know how to use basic sliders and levers. To know that different mechanisms produce different types of movement. To know and use technical vocabulary relevant to the project. To know the process of evaluation against original design criteria. 	slot, bridge/guide card, masking tape, paper fastener, join pull, push, up, down, straight, curve, forwards, backwards design, make,



			levers. • To evaluate their product by discussing how well it works in relation to the purpose and the user and whether it meets design criteria.		
Spring	Wheels and	Mechanisms	Designing	Technical Knowledge	vehicle,
2	axels – linked		 To generate initial ideas and 	•	wheel,
	to transport			given design criteria and know how	
	topic		talking and using own	to meet those requirements in your	•
			•	design.	chassis,
			To develop and communicate		body,
			ideas through drawings and	To know how to use wheels, axles	- -
			mock-ups.		cutting,
				To know the difference between	joining,
				,	shaping,
			To select from and use a range		finishing,
			• •	vocabulary relevant to the project.	fixed,
			perform practical tasks such as cutting and joining to allow	•To know the process of evaluation	free,
				against original design criteria.	mechanism names of
			 To select from and use a range 	agamst original design criteria.	tools, equipment and
			of materials and components		materials used,
			such as paper, card, plastic and		design,
			wood according to their		make,
			characteristics.		evaluate,
			•To use techniques to ensure		purpose,
			that the wheels are free moving.		user,
					criteria,
			Evaluating		functional



			 To explore and evaluate a range of products with wheels and axles. To evaluate their ideas throughout and their products against original criteria. 		
Summer	Preparing	Food and	Designing	Technical Knowledge	fruit and vegetable names,
2	fruit and	Nutrition	 To design appealing products 	•To know what is required from a	names of equipment and
	vegetables –		for a particular user based on	given design criteria and know how	utensils,
	making a		simple design criteria.	to meet those requirements in your	sensory vocabulary e.g.
	sweet		_	S	soft,
	product using		design criteria through		juicy,
	fruits				crunchy,
				9	sweet,
				_	sticky,
				• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	smooth,
					sharp,
			•		crisp,
			•		sour,
				•	hard flesh,
				prepare dishes, including how fruit	
			•	·	seed, pip,
			-	'	core,
			•		slicing,
			according to their characteristics		peeling,
			e.g. colour, texture and taste to	• •	cutting,
			•	•To know the process of evaluation	<u></u>
				•	healthy diet,
					choosing,



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		Evaluating	ingredients,
		 To explore a range of existing 	planning,
		books and everyday products	investigating,
		that use simple sliders and	tasting,
		levers.	arranging,
		 To evaluate their product by 	popular,
		discussing how well it works in	design,
		relation to the purpose and the	evaluate,
		user and whether it meets	criteria
		design criteria.	



Year To Group 3 & 4	erm	Topic -	Area of Design & Technology	Skills	Knowledge	Vocabulary
Cycle A 2		Levers and Linkages. Linked to Christmas cards.	systems	their own design criteria through discussion, focusing on the needs of the user. • To use annotated sketches and prototypes to develop, model and communicate ideas. Making • To order the main stages of making. • To select from and use appropriate tools with some accuracy to cut, shape and join paper and card. •To use linkages and levers	 To know how to develop a design criteria based on the needs of the user and how to meet those needs in their design. To know how to use lever and linkage mechanisms to create movement. To know the difference between fixed and loose pivots. To know and use technical vocabulary relevant to the project. To know how to test their finished product against their design criteria with reference to the intended user and views of others. 	design criteria,



		 To evaluate their own products and ideas against criteria and user needs, as they design and make. 		
va Lir Ge (It Gr m: he co	ealthy and aried diet. nked to eography taly or reece) eaking a eated or boked, savory roduct	 To generate and clarify ideas through discussion with peers and adults to develop design criteria including appearance, taste, texture and aroma for an appealing product for a particular user and purpose. To use annotated sketches and appropriate information and communication technology, such as web-based recipes, to develop and communicate ideas. Making To plan the main stages of a recipe, listing ingredients, utensils and equipment. To use a grater to grate cheese. To spread butter or similar on a bread product. To cut with a knife by using the bridge technique. 	user and how to meet those needs in their design. • To know how to use appropriate equipment and utensils to prepare and combine food. •To know how to safely cut ingredients and when to use each grip technique. • To know about a range of fresh and processed ingredients appropriate for their product, and whether they are grown, reared or caught. • To know and use relevant technical and sensory vocabulary appropriately.	caught,



			 To select and use appropriate utensils and equipment to prepare and combine ingredients. To select from a range of ingredients to make appropriate food products, thinking about sensory characteristics. To safely use equipment to cook or heat the chosen product as part of preparation. Evaluating To carry out sensory evaluations of a variety of ingredients and products. Record the evaluations using e.g. tables and simple graphs. To evaluate the ongoing work and the final product with reference to the design criteria and the views of others. 		tinned, processed, seasonal, harvested, healthy/varied diet, planning, design criteria, purpose, user, annotated sketch, sensory, evaluations
2	Simple circuits and switches. Linked to Science (electricity).	Systems	needs and wants, and develop design criteria to inform the	Technical Knowledge To know how to develop a design criteria based on the needs of the user and how to meet those needs in their design.	connection,



for purpose, aimed at particular individuals or groups. • To generate, develop, model and communicate realistic ideas through discussion and, as appropriate, annotated sketches, cross-sectional and exploded diagrams. • To know how to use electricity battery, battery holder, bulb, bulb, bulb, bulb holder, circuits incorporating switches, wire, bulbs and buzzers. • Apply their knowing of computing conductor, to program and control their crocodile clip cont program, • To order the main stages of explanate to the project institute of the pr	
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making. vocabulary relevant to the project. input device,	
• To select from and use tools output device,	
and equipment to cut, shape, •To know how to test their finished user,	
join and finish with some product against their design criteria purpose,	
accuracy. with reference to the intended user function,	
 To select from and use and views of others. 	
materials and components, design criteria,	
including construction materials innovative,	
and electrical components appealing,	
according to their functional design brief	
properties and aesthetic	
qualities.	
•To include at least one type of	
switch.	
 ◆To connect wires safely using a 	
connection box or twist	
technique.	
Evaluating Evaluating	
• To investigate and analyse a	



Year	Term	Topic -		range of existing battery- powered products. • To evaluate their ideas and products against their own design criteria and identify the strengths and areas for improvement in their work. Skills	Knowledge	Vocabulary
Group 3 & 4			Design & Technology			,
Cycle B	Autumn 2	Healthy and varied diet. Linked to Science (Animals inc Humans – Digestive system).	Food and Nutrition	through discussion with peers and adults to develop design criteria including appearance, taste, texture and aroma for an appealing product for a particular user and purpose. To use annotated sketches and appropriate information and communication technology, such as web-based recipes, to develop and communicate ideas. Making To plan the main stages of a recipe, listing ingredients,	 To know how to develop a design criteria based on the needs of the user and how to meet those needs in their design. To know how to use appropriate equipment and utensils to prepare and combine food. To know how to safely cut ingredients and when to use each grip technique. To know when it is appropriate to use particular pieces of equipment to complete a given task. To know about a range of fresh and processed ingredients 	l'



		 To spread butter or similar on a bread product. To cut with a knife by using the bridge technique. To cut with a knife using the claw technique. To select and use appropriate utensils and equipment to prepare and combine ingredients. To select from a range of ingredients to make appropriate food products, thinking about sensory characteristics. Evaluating To carry out sensory evaluations of a variety of ingredients and products. Record the evaluations using e.g. tables and simple graphs. To evaluate the ongoing work and the final product with reference to the design criteria and the views of others. 	 To know and use relevant technical and sensory vocabulary appropriately. To know how to test their finished product against their design criteria with reference to the intended user and views of others. 	grown, reared, caught, frozen, tinned, processed, seasonal, harvested, healthy/varied diet, planning, design criteria, purpose, user, annotated sketch, sensory evaluations
2	Shell structures. Linked to History	design criteria collaboratively	 To know how to develop a design criteria based on the needs of the 	shell structure, three-dimensional (3-D) shape, net,



(ancient Egypt)	the needs of the user and the	in their design.	cube,
	functional and aesthetic		cuboid,
	purposes of the product.	 Know how to use scoring to fold 	prism,
	 To develop ideas through the 	card accurately.	vertex,
	analysis of existing shell	 Develop and use knowledge of 	edge,
	structures.	how to construct strong, stiff shell	face,
		structures with techniques such as	length,
	Making	laminating, corrugating and ribbing.	width,
	 To plan the order of the main 	 Develop and use knowledge of 	breadth,
	stages of making.	nets of cubes and cuboids and,	capacity,
			marking out,
	tools to measure, mark out, cut,	3D shapes. ● Know and use	scoring,
	score, shape and assemble with	technical vocabulary relevant to	shaping,
	some accuracy.	the project.	tabs,
	 To use a technique to stiffen 		adhesives,
	and strengthen their material	 To know how to test their finished 	joining,
	(either laminating, corrugating	product against their design criteria	
	or ribbing).	with reference to the intended user	accuracy,
	•		material,
	materials according to functional		stiff,
	properties and aesthetic		strong,
	qualities.		reduce,
	 To use some finishing and 		reuse,
	decorative techniques suitable		recycle,
	for the product they are		corrugating,
	designing and making.		ribbing,
			laminating,
	Evaluating		font,
	 To investigate and evaluate a 		lettering,
	range of shell structures		text,
	including the materials,		graphics,



			components and techniques		decision,
			that have been used.		evaluating,
			• To test and evaluate their own		design brief,
			products against design criteria		design criteria,
			and the intended user and		innovative,
			purpose.		prototype
Summer	2D shape to 3D	Textiles	Designing	Technical Knowledge	Fabric,
2	product.		 To generate realistic ideas 	 To know how to develop a design 	names of fabrics,
	Linked to		through discussion and design	criteria based on the needs of the	fastening,
	Science		criteria for an appealing,	user and how to meet those needs	compartment,
	(materials).		functional product fit for	in their design.	zip,
			purpose and specific user/s.		button,
			 To produce annotated 	 To know how to strengthen, 	structure,
			sketches, prototypes, final	stiffen and reinforce existing	finishing technique,
			product sketches and pattern	fabrics.	strength,
			pieces.	 To know how to securely join two 	weakness,
				pieces of fabric together using a	stiffening,
			Making	running stitch and 1 other stitch.	templates,
			 To plan the main stages of 	 To know the need for patterns 	stitch,
			making.	and seam allowances.	seam,
			 To select and use a range of 	 To know and use technical 	seam allowance,
			appropriate tools to complete	vocabulary relevant to the project.	user,
			tasks with some accuracy e.g.		purpose,
			cutting, joining and finishing.	 To know how to test their finished 	design,
			 To join fabric using a running 	product against their design criteria	model,
			stitch and one other stitch such	with reference to the intended user	evaluate,
			as over-sew or blanket stitch.	and views of others.	prototype,
			 To use a technique such as 		annotated sketch,
			embroidery, applique or other		functional,
			embellishment to decorate		innovative,
			fabric.		investigate,



				 To select fabrics and fastenings according to their functional characteristics e.g. strength, and aesthetic qualities e.g. pattern. 		label, drawing, aesthetics, function, pattern pieces
				 Evaluating To investigate a range of 3-D textile products relevant to the project. To test their product against the original design criteria and with the intended user. To take into account others' views. 		
Year Group 5 & 6	Term	Topic -	Area of Design & Technology	• Skills	Knowledge	Vocabulary
Cycle A	Autumn 2	Combining different fabric shapes. Linked to Christmas	Textiles	 Designing To generate innovative ideas by carrying out research including surveys, interviews and questionnaires. To develop, model and communicate ideas through talking, drawing, templates, mock-ups and prototypes and, where appropriate, computeraided design. 	Technical Knowledge To know how to undertake research appropriate to the project. To know how to accurately meet the needs of a given user by identifying specific design criteria. To know that a 3-D textile product can be made from a combination of accurately made	hem, template, pattern pieces, name of textiles and fastenings used, pins, needles, thread, pinking shears, fastenings, iron transfer,



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	•	 To design purposeful, 	pattern pieces, fabric shapes and	paper design,
	f	functional, appealing products	different fabrics.	criteria,
	f	for the intended user that are fit	 To know that fabrics can be 	annotate,
	f	for purpose based on a simple	strengthened, stiffened and	design decisions,
		design specification.	reinforced where appropriate.	functionality,
			To know and use technical	innovation,
	ļ	Making	vocabulary appropriate to the	authentic,
	•	 To produce detailed lists of 	project.	user,
	6	equipment and fabrics relevant		purpose,
	t	to their tasks.	To know how to continually assess	evaluate,
	•	 To formulate step-by-step 	and adapt the product based on	mock-up,
	1	plans and, if appropriate,	the intended user.	prototype
	á	allocate tasks within a team.	To know about important	seam,
	•	 To join fabric using at least two 	developments and people	seam allowance,
	ز	joining stitches other than a	appropriate to the project.	wadding,
	1	running stich.		reinforce,
	•	 To embellish fabric using at 		right side,
	I	least one embroidery stitch,		wrong side,
	S	such as stem stich or satin stitch.		
	•	 To select from and use a range 		
		of tools and equipment to make		
	1	products that are accurately		
	á	assembled and well finished.		
	\	Work within the constraints of		
	t	time, resources and cost.		
	ļı	Evaluating		
	•	 To investigate and analyse 		
	t	textile products linked to their		
1	f	final product.		
	 	 To compare the final product 		



			to the original design specification. To test products with intended user and critically evaluate the quality of the design, manufacture, functionality and fitness for purpose. To consider the views of others to improve their work.		
Spring 2	Pulleys and gears. Linked to Science (forces).	Mechanical Systems	 To develop a simple design specification to guide their thinking. To develop and communicate ideas through discussion, annotated drawings, exploded drawings and drawings from different views. Making To produce detailed lists of tools, equipment and materials. Formulate step-by-step plans and, if appropriate, allocate 	•	pulley, drive belt, gear, rotation, spindle, driver, follower, ratio, transmit, axle, motor circuit, switch, circuit diagram, annotated drawings, exploded diagrams, mechanical system, electrical system, input, process, output design decisions, functionality,



			change oscillation speed using	innovation, authentic, user, purpose, design specification, design brief
			 Evaluating To compare the final product to the original design specification. To test products with intended user and critically evaluate the quality of the design, manufacture, functionality and fitness for purpose. To consider the views of others to improve their work. To investigate famous manufacturing and engineering companies relevant to the project. 	
2	Celebrating culture and seasonality. Linked to healthy living	Nutrition	through research and discussion with peers and adults to develop a design brief and criteria for a	ingredients, yeast, dough, bran, flour, wholemeal,



		To explore a range of initial	identifying specific design criteria.	unleavened,
		ideas, and make design		baking soda,
		decisions to develop a final	 To know how to use utensils and 	<u> </u>
		•	equipment including heat sources	herbs,
		•	to prepare and cook food.	fat,
		 To use words, annotated 	 To know how to write and present 	
		sketches and information and	recipes, including amounts and	carbohydrate,
		communication technology as		protein,
		<u> </u>	project.	vitamins,
		communicate ideas.	•To know when to use specific	nutrients,
			combining techniques for which	nutrition,
		Making	ingredients.	healthy,
		 To write a step-by-step recipe, 	 To know about seasonality in 	varied,
		including a list of ingredients,	relation to food products and the	gluten,
		equipment and utensils	source of different food products.	dairy,
		 To select and use appropriate 	 To know and use relevant 	allergy,
		utensils and equipment	technical and sensory vocabulary.	intolerance,
		accurately to measure and		savoury,
		combine appropriate	 To know how to continually assess 	source,
		ingredients.	and adapt the product based on	seasonality,
		 To use combining techniques 	the intended user.	utensils,
		appropriate to make a dough	 To know about important 	combine,
		•	developments and people	fold,
		 To safely use a rolling pin to roll 	appropriate to the project.	knead,
		out their product.		stir,
		 To make, decorate and 		pour,
		present the food product		mix,
		appropriately for the intended		rubbing in,
		user and purpose.		whisk,
				beat,
		Evaluating		roll out,



				 To carry out sensory evaluations of a range of relevant products and ingredients. Record the evaluations using e.g. tables/graphs/charts such as star diagrams. To evaluate the final product with reference back to the design brief and design specification, taking into account the views of others when identifying improvements. 		shape, sprinkle, crumble, design specification, innovative, research, evaluate, design brief.
Year Group 5 & 6 Cycle B	Term	Topic -	Area of Design & Technology	• Skills	• Knowledge	Vocabulary
	Autumn 2	U	Food and nutrition	 To explore a range of initial ideas, and make design decisions to develop a final product linked to user and purpose. To use words, annotated 	 project. To know how to accurately meet the needs of a given user by identifying specific design criteria. To know how to use utensils and equipment including heat sources 	combine, fold, knead, stir, pour, mix, rubbing in, whisk, beat, roll out, shape, sprinkle, crumble,



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communication technology as	measurements appropriate to the	design specification,
	project.	innovative,
communicate ideas.	 To know when to use specific 	research,
Making	combining techniques for which	evaluate,
 To write a step-by-step recipe, 	ingredients.	design brief.
including a list of ingredients,	 To know about seasonality in 	wholemeal,
equipment and utensils	relation to food products and the	unleavened,
 To select and use appropriate 	source of different food products.	baking soda,
utensils and equipment	 To know and use relevant 	spice,
accurately to measure and	technical and sensory vocabulary.	herbs,
combine appropriate		fat,
ingredients.		sugar,
To use a whisk to fold, beat or		carbohydrate,
whisk an element of their		protein,
product.		vitamins,
 To use combining techniques 		nutrients,
appropriate to the recipe such		nutrition,
as kneading, mixing or rubbing.		healthy,
 To make, decorate and 		varied,
present a savoury product		gluten,
appropriately for the intended		dairy,
user and purpose.		allergy,
Evaluating		intolerance,
 To carry out sensory 		savoury,
evaluations of a range of		source,
relevant products and		seasonality,
ingredients. Record the		utensils,
evaluations using e.g.		ingredients,
tables/graphs/charts such as		yeast,
star diagrams.		dough,
 To evaluate the final product 		bran,



			with reference back to the design brief and design specification, taking into account the views of others when identifying improvements.		flour,
Spring 2	Frame	Structures		Technical Knowledge	frame structure,
	structures.			 To know how to undertake 	stiffen,
	Link to History		Designing	research appropriate to the	strengthen,
	Anderson		 To carry out research into user 	project.	reinforce,
	shelters		.	•	triangulation,
				,	stability,
			•		shape,
			resources.		join,
				_	temporary,
			,		permanent,
			•		design brief,
				9	design specification,
				_	prototype, annotated sketch,
					purpose,
			, .	vocabulary relevant to the project.	user,
			discussion, prototypes and		innovation,
				 To know how to continually assess 	′
				•	functional
				the intended user.	
				•To know about important	
				developments and people	
				appropriate to the project.	
			of resources to be used.		



		 To competently select from 	 To know how to continually assess 	
			and adapt the product based on	
		accurately measure, mark out,	the intended user.	
		cut, shape and join construction	To know about important	
		materials to make frameworks.	developments and people	
		To use at least 2 joining	appropriate to the project.	
		techniques appropriate to the		
		material in their product.		
		 To use finishing and decorative 		
		techniques suitable for the		
		product they are designing and		
		making.		
		Evaluating		
		 To investigate and evaluate a 		
		range of existing frame		
		structures.		
		 To critically evaluate their 		
		products against their design		
		specification, intended user and		
		purpose, identifying strengths		
		and areas for development, and		
		carrying out appropriate tests.		
		 To research key events and 		
		individuals relevant to frame		
		structures.		



Summer 2 Monitoring	Electrical	Designing	Technical Knowledge	reed switch,
and control.	systems	• To use research to develop a	•To know how to undertake	toggle switch,
Linked to		design specification for a	research appropriate to the	push-to-make switch,
Science		functional product that	project.	push-to-break switch,
(electricity)		responds automatically to	 To know how to accurately meet 	light dependent resistor
and		changes in the environment.	the needs of a given user by	(LDR),
Computing.		Take account of constraints	identifying specific design criteria.	tilt switch,
		including time, resources and		light emitting diode (LED),
		cost.		bulb,
		 To generate and develop 		bulb holder,
		innovative ideas and share and	•	battery,
		clarify these through discussion.		battery holder,
		 To communicate ideas through 	• • •	USB cable,
		• •		wire <i>,</i>
		•	monitor and control their products.	-
		circuits or circuit diagrams.		conductor,
				crocodile clip control,
		Making		program,
		• To formulate a step-by-step	 To know how to continually assess 	•
				input device,
		, , , ,		output device,
		components.	•	series circuit,
				parallel circuit,
		•		function,
		and securely connect electrical		innovative,
		components to produce a		design specification,
		reliable, functional product.		design brief,
		To create and modify a		user,
		computer control program to		purpose
		enable an electrical product to		
		work automatically in response		

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	to changes in the environment. To create a programme which uses selection. To design a project that uses inputs and outputs on a controllable device.	
	Evaluating • To continually evaluate and modify the working features of the product to match the initial design specification. • To test the system to demonstrate its effectiveness for the intended user and purpose. • To investigate famous inventors who developed ground-breaking electrical systems and components.	