



DT Knowledge and Skills Progression

EYFS	3-4 year olds - Nursery		4-5 year olds – Reception	
	<p>Make imaginative and complex ‘small worlds’ with blocks and construction kits, such as a city with different buildings and a park</p> <p>Explore different materials freely, to develop their ideas about how to use them and what to make. • Develop their own ideas and then decide which materials to use to express them. • Join different materials and explore different textures</p>		<p>Return to and build on their previous learning, refining ideas and developing their ability to represent them. • Create collaboratively, sharing ideas, resources and skills.</p> <p>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.</p>	
DT Strand	Year 1	Yr4		Year 6
Structures	<p>Designing Generate ideas based on simple design criteria and their own experiences, explaining what they could make.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop, model and communicate their ideas through talking, mock-ups and drawings. <p>Making</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plan by suggesting what to do next. • Select and use tools, skills and techniques, explaining their choices. 	<p>Designing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Generate realistic ideas and design criteria collaboratively through discussion, focusing on the needs of the user and the functional and aesthetic purposes of the product. • Develop ideas through the analysis of existing shell structures and use computer-aided design to model and communicate ideas. <p>Making</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plan the order of the main stages of making. • Select and use appropriate tools and software to measure, mark out, cut, score, shape and assemble with some accuracy. 		<p>Designing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carry out research into user needs and existing products, using surveys, interviews, questionnaires and web-based resources. • Develop a simple design specification to guide the development of their ideas and products, taking account of constraints including time, resources and cost. • Generate, develop and model innovative ideas, through

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Select new and reclaimed materials and construction kits to build their structures. • Use simple finishing techniques suitable for the structure they are creating. <p>Evaluating</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore a range of existing freestanding structures in the school and local environment e.g. everyday products and buildings. • Evaluate their product by discussing how well it works in relation to the purpose, the user and whether it meets the original design criteria. <p>Technical knowledge and understanding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Know how to make freestanding structures stronger, stiffer and more stable. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explain their choice of materials according to functional properties and aesthetic qualities. • Use computer-generated finishing techniques suitable for the product they are creating. <p>Evaluating</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investigate and evaluate a range of shell structures including the materials, components and techniques that have been used. • Test and evaluate their own products against design criteria and the intended user and purpose. Technical knowledge and understanding • Develop and use knowledge of nets of cubes and cuboids and, where appropriate, more complex 3D shapes. • Develop and use knowledge of how to construct strong, stiff shell structures. 	<p>discussion, prototypes and annotated sketches.</p> <p>Making</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formulate a clear plan, including a step-by-step list of what needs to be done and lists of resources to be used. • Competently select from and use appropriate tools to accurately measure, mark out, cut, shape and join construction materials to make frameworks. • Use finishing and decorative techniques suitable for the product they are designing and making. Evaluating • Investigate and evaluate a range of existing frame structures. • Critically evaluate their products against their design specification, intended user and purpose, identifying strengths and areas for development, and carrying out appropriate tests. • Research key events and individuals relevant to frame structures. Technical knowledge and understanding
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	Year 1	Year 3	Year 5 and 6
Food	<p>Designing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Design appealing products for a particular user based on simple design criteria. • Generate initial ideas and design criteria through investigating a variety of fruit and vegetables <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communicate these ideas through talk and drawings. <p>Making</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use simple utensils and equipment to e.g. peel, cut, slice, squeeze, grate and chop safely. • Select from a range of fruit and vegetables according to their characteristics e.g. colour, texture and taste to create a chosen product. <p>Evaluating</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Taste and evaluate a range of fruit and vegetables to determine the intended user's preferences. • Evaluate ideas and finished products against design criteria, 	<p>Designing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • Use annotated sketches and appropriate information and communication technology, such as web-based recipes, to develop and communicate ideas. <p>Making</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plan the main stages of a recipe, listing ingredients, utensils and equipment. • Select and use appropriate utensils and equipment to prepare and combine ingredients. • Select from a range of ingredients to make appropriate food products, thinking about sensory characteristics. <p>Evaluating</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carry out sensory evaluations of a variety of ingredients and products. Record the evaluations using e.g. tables and simple graphs. 	<p>Designing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Generate innovative ideas through research and discussion with peers and adults to develop a design brief and criteria for a design specification. • Explore a range of initial ideas, and make design decisions to develop a final product linked to user and purpose. • Use words, annotated sketches and information and communication technology as appropriate to develop and communicate ideas. <p>Making</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Write a step-by-step recipe, including a list of ingredients, equipment and utensils • Select and use appropriate utensils and equipment accurately to measure and combine appropriate ingredients. • Make, decorate and present the food product appropriately for the

	<p>including intended user and purpose.</p> <p>Technical knowledge and understanding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand where a range of fruit and vegetables come from e.g. farmed or grown at home. • Understand and use basic principles of a healthy and varied diet to prepare dishes, including how fruit and vegetables are part of the 'Eatwell' plate. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evaluate the ongoing work and the final product with reference to the design criteria and the views of others. <p>Technical knowledge and understanding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Know how to use appropriate equipment and utensils to prepare and combine food. • Know about a range of fresh and processed ingredients appropriate for their product, and whether they are grown, reared or caught. 	<p>intended user and purpose.</p> <p>Evaluating</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • Evaluate the final product with reference back to the design brief and design specification, taking into account the views of others when identifying improvements. • Understand how key chefs have influenced eating habits to promote varied and healthy diets. <p>Technical knowledge and understanding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Know how to use utensils and equipment including heat sources to prepare and cook food. • Understand about seasonality in relation to food
	Year 1	Year 3	Year 6
Mechanisms	<p>Designing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Generate initial ideas and simple design criteria through talking and using own experiences. 	<p>Designing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Generate realistic ideas and their own design criteria through discussion, focusing on the needs of the user. • Use annotated sketches and prototypes to develop, model and communicate ideas. 	<p>Designing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Generate innovative ideas by carrying out research using surveys, interviews, questionnaires and web-based resources.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop and communicate ideas through drawings and mock-ups. <p>Making</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Select from and use a range of tools and equipment to perform practical tasks such as cutting and joining to allow movement and finishing. • Select from and use a range of materials and components such as paper, card, plastic and wood according to their characteristics. <p>Evaluating</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore and evaluate a range of products with wheels and axles. • Evaluate their ideas throughout and their products against original criteria. <p>Technical knowledge and understanding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore and use wheels, axles and axle holders. • Distinguish between fixed and freely moving axles. • Know and use technical vocabulary relevant to the project. 	<p>Making</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Order the main stages of making. • Select from and use appropriate tools with some accuracy to cut, shape and join paper and card. • Select from and use finishing techniques suitable for the product they are creating. <p>Evaluating</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investigate and analyse books and, where available, other products with lever and linkage mechanisms. • Evaluate their own products and ideas against criteria and user needs, as they design and make. Technical knowledge and understanding • Understand and use lever and linkage mechanisms. • Distinguish between fixed and loose pivots. • Know and use technical vocabulary relevant to the project. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a simple design specification to guide their thinking. • Develop and communicate ideas through discussion, annotated drawings, exploded drawings and drawings from different views. <p>Making</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Produce detailed lists of tools, equipment and materials. <p>Formulate step-by-step plans and, if appropriate, allocate tasks within a team.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Select from and use a range of tools and equipment to make products that that are accurately assembled and well finished. Work within the constraints of time, resources and cost. <p>Evaluating</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compare the final product to the original design specification. • Test products with intended user and critically evaluate the quality of the design, manufacture, functionality and fitness for purpose. • Consider the views of others to improve their work. • Investigate famous manufacturing and engineering
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	Year 2	Year 4	Year 5
Textiles	<p>Designing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Design a functional and appealing product for a chosen user and purpose based on simple design criteria. • Generate, develop, model and communicate their ideas as appropriate through talking, drawing, templates, mock-ups and information and communication technology. <p>Making</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Select from and use a range of tools and equipment to perform practical tasks such as marking out, cutting, joining and finishing. • Select from and use textiles according to their characteristics. <p>Evaluating</p>	<p>Designing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Design a functional and appealing product for a chosen user and purpose based on simple design criteria. • Generate, develop, model and communicate their ideas as appropriate through talking, drawing, templates, mock-ups and information and communication technology. <p>Making</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Select from and use a range of tools and equipment to perform practical tasks such as marking out, cutting, joining and finishing. • Select from and use textiles according to their characteristics. Evaluating • Explore and evaluate a range of existing textile products relevant to the project being undertaken. 	<p>Designing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Generate innovative ideas by carrying out research including surveys, interviews and questionnaires. • Develop, model and communicate ideas through talking, drawing, templates, mock-ups and prototypes and, where appropriate, computer-aided design. • Design purposeful, functional, appealing products for the intended user that are fit for purpose based on a simple design specification. Making • Produce detailed lists of equipment and fabrics relevant to their tasks.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore and evaluate a range of existing textile products relevant to the project being undertaken. • Evaluate their ideas throughout and their final products against original design criteria. <p>Technical knowledge and understanding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand how simple 3-D textile products are made, using a template to create two identical shapes. • Understand how to join fabrics using different techniques e.g. running stitch, glue, over stitch, stapling. • Explore different finishing techniques e.g. using painting, fabric crayons, stitching, sequins, buttons and ribbons. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evaluate their ideas throughout and their final products against original design criteria. <p>Technical knowledge and understanding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand how simple 3-D textile products are made, using a template to create two identical shapes. • Understand how to join fabrics using different techniques e.g. running stitch, glue, over stitch, stapling. • Explore different finishing techniques e.g. using painting, fabric crayons, stitching, sequins, buttons and ribbons. • Know and use technical vocabulary relevant to the project. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formulate step-by-step plans and, if appropriate, allocate tasks within a team. • Select from and use a range of tools and equipment to make products that are accurately assembled and well finished. Work within the constraints of time, resources and cost. <p>Evaluating</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investigate and analyse textile products linked to their final product. • Compare the final product to the original design specification. • Test products with intended user and critically evaluate the quality of the design, manufacture, functionality and fitness for purpose. • Consider the views of others to improve their work. <p>Technical knowledge and understanding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A 3-D textile product can be made from a combination of accurately made pattern pieces, fabric shapes and different fabrics.
		Year 4	Year 6

<p>Mechanical Systems</p>		<p>Designing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Generate realistic and appropriate ideas and their own design criteria through discussion, focusing on the needs of the user. • Use annotated sketches and prototypes to develop, model and communicate ideas. <p>Making</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Order the main stages of making. • Select from and use appropriate tools with some accuracy to cut and join materials and components such as tubing, syringes and balloons. • Select from and use finishing techniques suitable for the product they are creating. <p>Evaluating</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investigate and analyse books, videos and products with pneumatic mechanisms. • Evaluate their own products and ideas against criteria and user needs, as they design and make. Technical knowledge and understanding • Understand and use pneumatic mechanisms. • Know and use technical vocabulary relevant to the project. 	<p>Designing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Generate innovative ideas by carrying out research using surveys, interviews, questionnaires and web-based resources. • Develop a simple design specification to guide their thinking. • Develop and communicate ideas through discussion, annotated drawings, exploded drawings and drawings from different views. <p>Making</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Produce detailed lists of tools, equipment and materials. Formulate step-by-step plans and, if appropriate, allocate tasks within a team. • Select from and use a range of tools and equipment to make products that are accurately assembled and well finished. Work within the constraints of time, resources and cost. <p>Evaluating</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compare the final product to the original design specification. • Test products with the intended user, where safe and practical, and critically evaluate the quality of
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			<p>the design, manufacture, functionality and fitness for purpose.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider the views of others to improve their work. • Investigate famous manufacturing and engineering companies relevant to the project. <p>Technical knowledge and understanding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand that mechanical systems have an input, process and an output. • Understand how cams can be used to produce different types of movement and change the direction of movement.
		Year 3	Year 5
Electrical Systems		<p>Designing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gather information about needs and wants, and develop design criteria to inform the design of products that are fit for purpose, aimed at particular individuals or groups. • Generate, develop, model and communicate realistic ideas through discussion and, as appropriate, annotated sketches, cross-sectional and exploded diagrams. <p>Making</p>	<p>Designing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use research to develop a design specification for a functional product that responds automatically to changes in the environment. Take account of constraints including time, resources and cost. • Generate and develop innovative ideas and share and clarify these through discussion.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Order the main stages of making. • Select from and use tools and equipment to cut, shape, join and finish with some accuracy. • Select from and use materials and components, including construction materials and electrical components according to their functional properties and aesthetic qualities. <p>Evaluating</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investigate and analyse a range of existing battery-powered products. • Evaluate their ideas and products against their own design criteria and identify the strengths and areas for improvement in their work. <p>Technical knowledge and understanding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand and use electrical systems in their products, such as series circuits incorporating switches, bulbs and buzzers. • Apply their understanding of computing to program and control their products. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communicate ideas through annotated sketches, pictorial representations of electrical circuits or circuit diagrams. <p>Making</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formulate a step-by-step plan to guide making, listing tools, equipment, materials and components. • Competently select and accurately assemble materials, and securely connect electrical components to produce a reliable, functional product. • Create and modify a computer control program to enable an electrical product to work automatically in response to changes in the environment. <p>Evaluating</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continually evaluate and modify the working features of the product to match the initial design specification. • Test the system to demonstrate its effectiveness for the intended user and purpose. • Investigate famous inventors who developed ground-breaking electrical systems and
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			<p>components. Technical knowledge and understanding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Understand and use electrical systems in their products.• Apply their understanding of computing to program, monitor and control their products.
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