

Progression of skills in Design and Technology

Structures	Structures							
	EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	
Design			• Ideas using	• Designing,		Designing a		
			sketching and	drawing and		stable		
			modelling.	labelling a		structure.		
			• Different	castle with		 Creating a 		
			types of	key features		frame structure		
			structures in	 Designing 		(triangulation).		
			natural	and/or				
			everyday	decorating a				
			world	castle tower				
				on CAD.				
Make			Making a	Constructing		Making a		
			structure	a range of 3D		range of		
			according to	geometric		different		
			design	shapes.		shaped beam		
			criteria.	 Creating 		bridges.		
			 Creating 	special		• Using		
			joints and	features for		triangles to		
			structures.	individual		create truss		
				designs.		bridges.		

		Making	Building a
		facades from	wooden bridge
		a range of	structure.
		recycled	•Independently
		materials.	measuring and
			marking wood
			accurately.
			• Selecting
			appropriate
			tools and
			equipment.
			Using correct
			techniques to
			saws safely.
			• Identifying
			where a
			structure needs
			more support.
			•Understanding
			basic wood
			functional
			properties.
Evaluate	• Expl	oring, • Evaluating	Adapting and
	comp		improving own
	testin	g and the work of	bridge
		ating the others based	structure.
		iveness on the	Suggesting
	of stru	aesthetic of	points for
	and s	hapes.	improvements

		the finished product. • Suggesting points for modification.	for own and other bridges.
Knowledge	• To know different stabilities, strength and stiffness of structures and materials.	 To understand that wide and flat based objects are more stable. To understand the importance of strength and stiffness in structures. 	 To understand ways to reinforce structures. To understand how triangles can be used to reinforce bridges. To know what properties are. To understand material selection. To understand the material properties of

Mechanism			1.7		1.7		
	EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Design		 Designing a 		 Designing a 		 Designing a 	
		vehicle that		toy which uses		pop-up book	
		includes		a pneumatic		which uses a	
		wheels and		system.		mixture of	
		axels.		 Developing 		structures and	
		 Creating 		design criteria		mechanisms.	
		clearly		from a design		 Naming each 	
		labelled		brief.		mechanism,	
		drawings for		 Generating 		input and	
		movement		ideas using		output	
				thumbnail		accurately.	
				sketches and		 Storyboarding 	
				exploded		ideas for a	
				diagrams.		book.	
				 Learning that 			
				different types			
				of drawings are			
				used in design			
				to explain ideas			
				clearly			
Make		Adapting		Creating a		Following a	
		mechanisms,		pneumatic		design brief to	
		when: they		system to		make a popup	
		don't work as		create a		book.	
		they should,		desired motion.		Making	
		to fit vehicle		Building		mechanisms	
		design, to		secure housing		and/or	
						structures	

	improve how	for a pneumatic	using sliders,
	they work.	system.	pivots and
		• Using	folds to
		syringes and	produce
		balloons to	movement.
		create different	Using layers
		types of	and spacers.
		pneumatic	
		toys.	
		Selecting	
		materials due	
		to their	
		functional and	
		aesthetic	
		characteristics.	
		Manipulating	
		materials to	
		create different	
		effects by	
		cutting,	
		creasing,	
		folding and	
		weaving.	
Evaluate	Testing	Using the	Evaluating
	wheel and	views of others	the work of
	axle	to improve	others and
	mechanisms.	designs.	receiving
		Testing and	feedback on
		modifying the	own work.
		outcome,	

		suggesting	Suggesting
		improvements.	points for
		•Understanding	improvement.
		the purpose of	·
		exploded	
		diagrams	
Technical	To know that	• To	To know that
Knowledge	wheels need	understand	mechanisms
	to be round to	how pneumatic	control
	rotate and	systems work.	movement.
	move.	• To	• To
	• To	understand	understand
	understand	that pneumatic	that
	that for a	systems can be	mechanisms
	wheel to move	used as part of	can be used to
	it must be	a mechanism.	change one
	attached to a	• To know that	kind of motion
	rotating axle.	pneumatic	into another.
	To know that	systems	• To
	an axle moves	operate by	understand
	within an axle	drawing in,	how to use
	holder which	releasing and	sliders, pivots
	is fixed to the	compressing	and folds to
	vehicle or toy.	air.	create paper-
	To know that		based
	the frame of a		mechanisms.
	vehicle		
	(chassis)		
	needs to be		
	balanced.		

Textiles							
	EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Design		• Using a	Designing a		Writing		Designing a
		template to	pouch.		design criteria		waistcoat in
		create a			for a product,		accordance to
		design for a			articulating		а
		puppet.			decisions		specification
					made.		linked to set of
					 Designing a 		design
					personalised		criteria.
					book sleeve.		 Annotating
							designs, to
							explain their
							decisions.
Make		• Cutting	Selecting and		Making and		• Using a
		fabric neatly	cutting fabrics		testing a		template
		with scissors.	for sewing.		paper		when cutting
		Using joining	Decorating a		template with		fabric to
		methods to	pouch using		accuracy and		ensure they
		decorate a	fabric glue or		in keeping		achieve the
		puppet.	running stitch.		with the		correct shape.
		 Sequencing 	 Threading a 		design		 Using pins
		steps for	needle.		criteria.		effectively to
		construction.	Sewing running		 Measuring, 		secure a
			stitch, with		marking and		template to
			evenly spaced,		cutting fabric		fabric without
			neat, even		using a paper		creases or
					template.		bulges.

stitches to join	Selecting a	Marking and
fabric.	stitch style to	cutting fabric
Neatly pinning	join fabric.	accurately, in
and cutting	Working	accordance
fabric using a	neatly by	with their
template.	sewing small,	design.
	straight	• Sewing a
	stitches.	strong running
	•Incorporating	stitch, making
	a fastening to	small, neat
	a design.	stitches and
		following the
		edge.
		 Tying strong
		knots.
		 Decorating a
		waistcoat,
		attaching
		features (such
		as appliqué)
		using thread.
		 Finishing the
		waistcoat with
		a secure
		fastening
		(such as
		buttons).
		Learning
		different

Evaluate	• Reflecting	•Troubleshooting	• Testing and	decorative stitches. • Sewing accurately with evenly spaced, neat stitches. • Reflecting
	on a finished product, explaining likes and dislikes.	scenarios • Evaluating the quality of the stitching on others' work. • Discussing as a class, the success of their stitching against the success criteria. • Identifying aspects and likes of their peers' work.	evaluating an end product against the original design criteria. • Deciding how many of the criteria should be met for the product to be considered successful. • Suggesting modifications for improvement. • Articulating the advantages and disadvantages	on their work continually throughout the design, make and evaluate process.

			of different fastening types	
Technical	• To know	To know that	• To know	• To
Knowledge	what is a	sewing is a	what a	understand
	ʻjoining	method of joining	fastening is.	that it is
	technique'.	fabric.	To know that	important to
	 To know that 	• To know that	different	design
	there are	different stitches	fastening	clothing for a
	various	can be used	types are	particular
	temporary	when sewing.	useful for	audience
	methods of	• To understand	different	To know that
	joining fabric	the importance	purposes.	using a
	by using	of tying a knot	• To know that	template (or
	staples. glue	after sewing the	creating a	clothing
	or pins.	final stitch.	mock up	pattern) helps
	• To	• To know that a	(prototype) of	accuracy.
	understand	thimble can be	their design is	• To
	that different	used to protect	useful.	understand
	techniques for	my fingers when		the
	joining	sewing.		importance of
	materials can			consistently
	be used for			sized stitches.
	different			
	purposes.			
	• To			
	understand			
	that a			
	template (or			
	fabric pattern)			

is used to cut	
out the same	
shape	
multiple	
times.	
To know that	
drawing a drawing a	
design idea is	
useful to see	
how an idea	
will look.	

Cooking an	d nutrition						
	EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Design		Designing	Designing		Designing a		Writing a
		smoothie	three wrap		biscuit within a		recipe,
		carton	ideas.		given budget.		explaining the
		packaging by-			 Conducting 		key steps,
		hand.			market		method and
		 Learning 			research.		ingredients.
		where and					 Including
		how fruits and					facts and
		vegetables					drawings from
		grow					research
							undertaken.
Make		Chopping	Chopping		Following a		Following a
		fruit and	foods safely to		baking recipe.		recipe,
		vegetables	make a wrap.		 Understanding 		including using
							the correct

	safely to make	Constructing	safety and	quantities of
	a smoothie.	a wrap that	hygiene rules.	each
	 Juicing fruits 	meets a	 Adapting a 	ingredient.
	safely to make	design brief.	recipe.	Adapting a
	a smoothie.	Grating		recipe based
	 Identifying if 	foods to make		on research.
	a food is a	a wrap.		 Working to a
	fruit.	 Snipping 		given
		smaller foods		timescale.
		instead of		 Working
		cutting.		safely and
		 Spreading 		hygienically
		soft foods to		with
		make a wrap.		independence.
		Identifying		
		the five food		
		groups.		
		Learning		
		about		
		balanced diet.		
Evaluate	Tasting and	 Describing 	• Evaluating an	• Evaluating a
	evaluating	appearance,	adapted recipe.	recipe,
	different food	smell and	 Evaluating 	considering:
	combinations.	taste.	and comparing	taste, smell,
	 Describing 	 Taste and 	a range of	texture and
	appearance,	evaluating	products.	origin of the
	smell and	different food	 Suggesting 	food group.
	taste.	combinations.	modifications.	 Taste testing
	 Suggesting 	 Describing 		and scoring
	information to	the		final products.

	be included	information		 Suggesting
	on packaging.	that should be		and writing up
	Comparing	included on a		points of
	their own	label.		improvements
	smoothie with	tabot.		in productions.
	someone			• Evaluating
	else's.			health and
	6136 3.			safety in
				production to
				minimise cross
				contamination.
Technical	• To know	• To know	• To know what	• To know that
	what a	what 'diet'	'quantity'	'flavour' is how
Knowledge	blender is.		' '	a food or drink
		means. • To know	means.	
	• To know that		• To know that	tastes.
	a fruit has	what makes a	safety and	• To know
	seeds and a	balanced diet.	hygiene are	some
	vegetable	• To know 5	important when	'national
	does not.	main food	cooking.	dishes'.
	• To know that	groups	• To know the	• To know what
	fruits grow on	• To know that	following	'processed
	trees or vines.	I should eat a	cooking	foods' are.
	• To know that	range of	techniques:	• To
	vegetables	different foods	sieving,	understand
	can grow	from each	measuring,	why to wash
	either above	food group,	stirring, cutting	fruit.
	or below	and roughly	out and	• To
	ground.	how much of	shaping.	understand
	 To know that 	each food	•To know the	what happens
	vegetables is	group.	importance of	to a certain

any edible	• To know	budgeting while	food before it
part of a plant	. what	planning	appears on the
	'ingredients'	ingredients for	supermarket
	means.	a recipe.	shelf (Farm to
	To know how	• To know that	Fork).
	to cut, grate,	products often	
	snip and	have a target	
	spread to	audience.	
	prepare foods.		
	To know how		
	to review and		
	give a score to		
	evaluate.		

Electrical systems									
	EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6		
Design				Carry out		• Identifying			
				research		factors that			
				based on a		could change			
				given topic to		and alter a			
				develop ideas.		product.			
				• Generate a		 Developing 			
				final design for		design criteria			
				clients needs.		based on			
				• Design an		findings from			
				electric poster		investigating			
				that fits the		existing			
				requirements		products.			

	of a given	Developing
	brief.	design criteria
	• Plan the	that clarifies
	positioning of	the target
	the bulb	user.
	(circuit	4001.
	component)	
	and its	
	purpose.	
Make	• Create a	Altering a
Take	final design for	product's
	the electric	form and
	poster.	function by
	• Mount the	tinkering with
	poster onto	its
	corrugated	configuration.
	card and	Making a
	understand	functional
	why.	series circuit,
	Measure and	incorporating
	mark	a motor.
	materials out	Constructing
	using a	a product with
	template or	consideration
	ruler.	for the design
	• Fit an	criteria.
	electrical	Breaking
	component	down the
	(bulb).	construction
		process into

	Learn ways	steps so that
	to give the	others can
	final product a	make the
	higher quality	product.
	finish.	
Evaluate	• To	Carry out a
	understand	product
	what an	analysis to
	'electrical	look at the
	component'	purpose of a
	is.	product along
	• To	with its
	understand	strengths and
	common	weaknesses.
	features of an	Determining
	electric	which parts of
	product	a product
	(switch,	affect its
	battery or	function and
	plug, dials,	which parts
	buttons etc.).	affect its form.
	• To list	Analysing
	examples of	whether
	common	changes in
	electric	configuration
	products	positively or
	(kettle, remote	negatively
	control etc.).	affect an
	• To	existing
	understand	product.

		that an	• Peer	
		electric	evaluating a	
		product uses	set of	
		-		
		an electrical	instructions to	
		system to	build a	
		work.	product.	
		• To know the		
		name and		
		appearance of		
		a bulb,		
		battery,		
		battery holder		
		and crocodile		
		wire to build		
		simple		
		circuits.		
Technical			• To know that	
Knowledge			series circuits	
			only have one	
			direction for	
			the electricity	
			to flow.	
			• To know	
			when there is	
			a break in a	
			series circuit,	
			all	
			components	
			turn off.	

			To know that
			an electric
			motor
			converts
			electrical
			energy into
			rotational
			movement,
			causing the
			motor's axle
			to spin.
			• To know a
			motorised
			product is one
			which uses a
			motor to
			function.

	EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Design					 Writing design 		• Writing a
					criteria for a		design brief
					programmed		from
					timer (Micro:bit).		information
					 Exploring 		submitted by a
					different		client.
					mindfulness		 Developing
					strategies.		design criteria
					 Applying the 		to fulfil the
					results of my		client's
					research to		request.
					further inform my		 Considering
					design criteria.		and suggesting
					 Developing a 		additional
					prototype case		functions for
					for my mindful		my navigation
					moment timer.		tool.
					 Using and 		Developing a
					manipulating		product idea
					shapes and		through
					clipart by using		annotated
					computer-aided		sketches.
					design (CAD), to		 Placing and
					produce a logo.		manoeuvring
					 Following a list 		3D objects,
					of design		using CAD.
					requirements.		Changing the
							properties of,

			combining one
			or more 3D
			objects, using
			CAD.
Make		Developing a	Considering
		prototype case	materials and
		for my mindful	their functional
		moment timer.	properties,
		Creating 3D	especially
		structures using	those that are
		modelling	sustainable and
		materials.	recyclable (for
		Programming a	example, cork
		micro:bit in the	and bamboo).
		Microsoft	 Explaining
		micro:bit editor,	material
		to time a set	choices and
		number of	why they were
		seconds/minutes	chosen as part
		upon button	of a product
		press.	concept.
			Programming
			an N,E, S, W
			cardinal
			compass.
Evaluate		Investigating	Explaining
		and analysing a	how my
		range of timers	program fits the
		by identifying and	design criteria
		comparing their	and how it

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			advantages and	would be useful
			disadvantages.	as part of a
			Evaluating my	navigation tool.
			Micro:bit	• Developing an
			program against	awareness of
			points on my	sustainable
			design criteria	design.
			and amending	• Identifying key
			them to include	industries that
			any changes I	utilise 3D CAD
			made.	modelling and
			Documenting	explaining why.
			and evaluating	 Describing
			my project.	how the
			Understanding	product
			what a logo is	concept fits the
			and why they are	client's request
			important in the	and how it will
			world of design	benefit the
			and business.	customers.
			• Testing my	• Explaining the
			program for bugs	key functions in
			(errors in the	my program,
			code).	including
			Finding and	 Explaining
			fixing the bugs	how my
			(debug) in my	program fits the
			code.	design criteria
			• Using an	and how it
			exhibition to	would be useful
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	gather feedback.	as part of a
	Gathering	navigation tool.
	feedback from	 Explaining the
	the user to make	key functions
	suggested	and features of
	improvements to	my navigation
	a product.	tool to the
		client as part of
		a product
		concept pitch.
		 Demonstrating
		a functional
		program as part
		of a product
		concept pitch.
Technical	To understand	 Know that
Knowledge	variables in	accelerometers
	programming.	can detect
	To know some	movement.
	of the features of	 Understand
	a Micro: bit.	that sensors
	Know that an	can be useful in
	algorithm is a set	products.
	of instructions to	
	be followed by	
	the computer.	
	Know that it is	
	important to	
	check my code	
	for errors (bugs).	

		Know that a	
		simulator can	
		check a code	
		works.	