

Design Technology: Skills and Knowledge Progression

	Topic	Emerging 40-60 months	Expected ELG	Exceeding
EYFS		Constructs with a purpose in mind, using a variety of resources. Uses simple tools and techniques competently and appropriately. Selects appropriate resources and adapts work where necessary. Selects tools and techniques needed to shape, assemble and join materials they are using. Create simple representations of events, people and objects.	They safely use and explore a variety of materials, tools and techniques, experimenting with colour, design, texture, form and function. Children use what they have learnt about media and materials in original ways, thinking about uses and purposes. They represent their own ideas, thoughts and feelings through design and technology, art, music, dance, role play and stories.	Children develop their own ideas through selecting and using materials and working on processes that interest them. Through their explorations they find out and make decisions about how media and materials can be combined and changed. Children talk about the ideas and processes which have led them to make music, designs, images or products. They can talk about features of their own and others work, recognising the differences between them and the strengths of others.

Year Group	Developing, planning and communicating ideas	Working with tools, equipment, materials and components to make quality products	Evaluating processes and products	Food and Nutrition
1	Begin to draw on their own experience to help generate ideas and research conducted on criteria. Begin to understand	Begin to make their design using appropriate techniques. Begin to build structures, exploring how they can be	Start to evaluate their product by discussing how well it works in relation to the purpose (design criteria). When looking at existing	Begin to understand that all food comes from plants or animals. Explore the understanding that food has to be farmed,

the development of existing made stronger, stiffer and products explain what they grown elsewhere (e.g. home) products: What they are for, more stable. like and dislike about or caught. Explore and use mechanisms how they work, materials products and why. Start to understand how to [for example, levers, sliders, used. Begin to evaluate their name and sort foods into the Start to suggest ideas and wheels and axles], in their products as they are five groups in 'The Eat well explain what they are going developed, identifying products. plate' With help measure, mark out, strenaths and possible Begin to understand that to do. Understand how to identify a cut and shape a range of changes they might make. everyone should eat at target group for what they least five portions of fruit and materials. intend to design and make Explore using tools e.g. vegetables every day. based on a design criteria. scissors and a hole punch Know how to prepare simple Begin to develop their ideas dishes safely and safely. through talk and drawings. Begin to assemble, join and hygienically, without using a Make templates and mock combine materials and heat source. ups of their ideas in card and components together using Know how to use techniques a variety of temporary such as cutting, peeling and paper or using ICT. methods e.g. glues or aratina. masking tape. Begin to use simple finishing techniques to improve the appearance of their product. 2 Start to generate ideas by Begin to select tools and Evaluate their work against Understand that all food drawing on their own and materials; use correct their design criteria. comes from plants or other people's experiences. vocabulary to name and Look at a range of existing animals. Begin to develop their describe them. products explain what they Know that food has to be design ideas through farmed, grown elsewhere Build structures, exploring like and dislike about discussion, observation, how they can be made products and why. (e.g. home) or caught. drawing and modellina. stronger, stiffer and more Start to evaluate their Understand how to name Identify a purpose for what and sort foods into the five stable. products as they are they intend to design and With help measure, cut and developed, identifying aroups in 'The Eat well plate' make. score with some accuracy. strengths and possible Know that everyone should Understand how to identify a changes they might make. eat at least five portions of Learn to use hand tools target group for what they safely and appropriately. With confidence talk about fruit and vegetables every intend to design and make Start to assemble, join and their ideas, saying what they day. based on a design criteria. combine materials in order to Demonstrate how to prepare like and dislike about them. Develop their ideas through make a product. simple dishes safely and

hygienically, without using a

Demonstrate how to cut,

talk and drawings and label

	parts. Make templates and mock ups of their ideas in card and paper or using ICT.	shape and join fabric to make a simple product. Use basic sewing techniques. Start to choose and use appropriate finishing techniques based on own ideas.		heat source. Demonstrate how to use techniques such as cutting, peeling and grating.
3	With growing confidence generate ideas for an item, considering its purpose and the user/s. Start to order the main stages of making a product. Identify a purpose and establish criteria for a successful product. Understand how well products have been designed, made, what materials have been used and the construction technique. Learn about inventors, designers, engineers, chefs and manufacturers who have developed ground-breaking products. Start to understand	Select a wider range of tools and techniques for making their product i.e. construction materials and kits, textiles, food ingredients, mechanical components and electrical components. Explain their choice of tools and equipment in relation to the skills and techniques they will be using. Start to understand that mechanical and electrical systems have an input, process and output. Start to understand that mechanical systems such as levers and linkages or pneumatic systems create movement. Know how simple electrical circuits and components can	Start to evaluate their product against original design criteria e.g. how well it meets its intended purpose Begin to disassemble and evaluate familiar products and consider the views of others to improve them. Evaluate the key designs of individuals in design and technology has helped shape the world.	Start to know that food is grown (such as tomatoes, wheat and potatoes), reared (such as pigs, chickens and cattle) and caught (such as fish) in the UK, Europe and the wider world. Understand how to prepare and cook a variety of predominantly savoury dishes safely and hygienically including, where appropriate, the use of a heat source. Begin to understand how to use a range of techniques such as peeling, chopping, slicing, grating, mixing, spreading, kneading and baking. Start to understand that a healthy diet is made up from variety and balance of

	whether products can be recycled or reused. Know to make drawings with labels when designing. When planning explain their choice of materials and components including function and aesthetics.	be used to create functional products. Measure, mark out, cut, score and assemble components with more accuracy. Start to work safely and accurately with a range of simple tools. Start to think about their ideas as they make progress and be willing to change things if this helps them to improve their work. Start to measure, tape or pin, cut and join fabric with some accuracy		different food and drink, as depicted in 'The Eat well plate' Begin to know that to be active and healthy, food and drink are needed to provide energy for the body.
4	Start to generate ideas, considering the purposes for which they are designing- link with Mathematics and Science. Confidently make labelled drawings from different views showing specific features. Develop a clear idea of what has to be done, planning how to use materials, equipment and processes, and suggesting alternative methods of making, if the first attempts fail. Identify the strengths and areas for development in their ideas and products. When planning consider	Select a wider range of tools and techniques for making their product safely. Know how to measure, mark out, cut and shape a range of materials, using appropriate tools, equipment and techniques. Start to join and combine materials and components accurately in temporary and permanent ways. Know how mechanical systems such as cams or pulleys or gears create movement. Understand how more complex electrical circuits and components can be used to create functional products.	Evaluate their products carrying out appropriate tests. Start to evaluate their work both during and at the end of the assignment. Be able to disassemble and evaluate familiar products and consider the views of others to improve them. Evaluate the key designs of individuals in design and technology has helped shape the world.	Understand that food is grown (such as tomatoes, wheat and potatoes), reared (such as pigs, chickens and cattle) and caught (such as fish) in the UK, Europe and the wider world. Understand how to prepare and cook a variety of predominantly savoury dishes safely and hygienically including, where appropriate, the use of a heat source. Know how to use a range of techniques such as peeling, chopping, slicing, grating, mixing, spreading, kneading and baking. Know that a healthy diet is made up from a variety and

	the views of others, including intended users, to improve their work. Learn about inventors, designers, engineers, chefs and manufacturers who have developed ground-breaking products. When planning explain their choice of materials and components according to function and aesthetic.	Continue to learn how to program a computer to monitor changes in the environment and control their products. Understand how to reinforce and strengthen a 3D framework. Now sew using a range of different stitches, to weave and knit. Demonstrate how to measure, tape or pin, cut and join fabric with some accuracy. Begin to use finishing techniques to strengthen and improve the appearance of their product using a range of equipment including ICT.		balance of different food and drink, as depicted in 'The Eat well plate' Know that to be active and healthy, food and drink are needed to provide energy for the body.
5	Start to generate, develop, model and communicate their ideas through discussion, annotated sketches, cross-sectional and exploded diagrams, prototypes, pattern pieces. Begin to use research and develop design criteria to inform the design of innovative, functional, appealing products that are fit for purpose. With growing confidence apply a range of finishing techniques, including those from art and design.	Select appropriate materials, tools and techniques e.g. cutting, shaping, joining and finishing, accurately. Select from and use a wider range of materials and components, including construction materials, textiles and ingredients, according to their functional properties and aesthetic qualities. Understand how mechanical systems such as cams or pulleys or gears create movement. Know how more complex	Start to evaluate a product against the original design specification and by carrying out tests. Evaluate their work both during and at the end of the assignment. Begin to evaluate it personally and seek evaluation from others. Evaluate the key designs of individuals in design and technology has helped shape the world.	Understand that food is grown (such as tomatoes, wheat and potatoes), reared (such as pigs, chickens and cattle) and caught (such as fish) in the UK, Europe and the wider world. Begin to understand that seasons may affect the food available. Understand how food is processed into ingredients that can be eaten or used in cooking. Know how to prepare and cook a variety of predominantly savoury dishes

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Draw up a specification for	electrical circuits and		safely and hygienically
their design- link with	components can be used to		including, where
Mathematics and Science.	create functional products		appropriate, the use of a
Use results of investigations,	and how to program a		heat source.
information sources,	computer to monitor		Start to understand how to
including ICT when	changes in the environment		use a range of techniques
developing design ideas.	and control their products.		such as peeling, chopping,
With growing confidence	Understand that mechanical		slicing, grating, mixing,
select appropriate	and electrical systems have		spreading, kneading and
materials, tools and	an input, process and output.		baking.
techniques.	Begin to measure and mark		Begin to understand that
Start to understand how	out more accurately.		different food and drink
much products cost to	Demonstrate how to use skills		contain different substances
make, how sustainable and	in using different tools and		– nutrients, water and fibre –
innovative they are and	equipment safely and		that
the impact products have	accurately with growing		are needed for health.
beyond their intended	confidence cut and join with		
purpose.	accuracy to ensure a good-		
	quality finish to the product.		
	Weigh and measure		
	accurately (time, dry		
	ingredients, liquids).		
	Use finishing techniques to		
	strengthen and improve the		
	appearance of their product		
	using a range of equipment		
	including ICT.		
6	Confidently select	Evaluate their products,	Know that food is grown
	appropriate tools, materials,	identifying strengths and	(such as tomatoes, wheat
	components and techniques	areas for development, and	and potatoes), reared (such
	and use them.	carrying out appropriate	as pigs, chickens and cattle)
	Use tools safely and	tests.	and caught (such as fish) in
	accurately.	Evaluate their work both	the UK, Europe and the wider
	Assemble components to	during and at the end of the	world.
	make working models.	assignment.	Understand that seasons
	Aim to make and to achieve	Record their evaluations	may affect the food
	a quality product.	using drawings with labels.	available.
	With confidence pin, sew and	Evaluate against their original	Understand how food is
	stitch materials together to	criteria and suggest ways	processed into ingredients

Generate, develop, model and communicate their ideas through discussion, annotated sketches, cross-sectional and exploded diagrams, prototypes, pattern pieces.

Use research and develop design criteria to inform the design of innovative, functional, appealing products that are fit for purpose.

Accurately apply a range of finishing techniques, including those from art and design.

Draw up a specification for their design-link with Mathematics and Science. Plan the order of their work, choosing appropriate materials, tools and techniques. Suggest alternative methods of making if the first attempts fail. Identify the strengths and areas for development in their ideas and products. Know how much products cost to make, how sustainable and innovative they are and the impact products have beyond their intended purpose.

create a product.

Demonstrate when make modifications as they go along.

Construct products using permanent joining techniques.

Understand how mechanical systems such as cams or pulleys or gears create movement.

Know how more complex electrical circuits and components can be used to create functional products and how to program a computer to monitor changes in the environment and control their products. Know how to reinforce and strengthen a 3D framework. Understand that mechanical and electrical systems have an input, process and output. Use finishing techniques to strengthen and improve the appearance of their product using a range of equipment including ICT.

that their product could be improved.

Evaluate the key designs of individuals in design and technology has helped shape the world.

that can be eaten or used in cooking.

Know how to prepare and cook a variety of predominantly savoury dishes safely and hygienically including, where appropriate, the use of a heat source.

Understand how to use a range of techniques such as peeling, chopping, slicing, grating, mixing, spreading, kneading and baking.
Know different food and drink contain different substances – nutrients, water and fibre – that are needed for health.