







Design and Technology Key Stage 1 Curriculum Subject Skills Progression

Purpose of Study

Design and technology is an inspiring, rigorous and practical subject. Using creativity and imagination, pupils design and make products that solve real and relevant problems within a variety of contexts, considering their own and others' needs, wants and values. They acquire a broad range of subject knowledge and draw on disciplines such as mathematics, science, engineering, computing and art. Pupils learn how to take risks, becoming resourceful, innovative, enterprising and capable citizens. Through the evaluation of past and present design and technology, they develop a critical understanding of its impact on daily life and the wider world. High-quality design and technology education makes an essential contribution to the creativity, culture, wealth and well-being of the nation.

Nurture – By nurturing their creative minds, we encourage all children to learn how to take risks with design and technology, becoming resourceful and imaginative pupils. Our hope is that by nurturing different ideas, needs and wants, to meet a design brief, this will improve their skills as well as their confidence to work independently.

Cherish – We are surrounded by the results of design and technology, of historical and conventional value. We encourage all children to appreciate and admire them, often from global inventions and ideas from different cultures. During their school career, children learn that resources, including food, are to be protected and respected by all who use them (in the classroom and on a global scale).

Shine – Through evaluation of their own and others work, including design and technology in the past, children develop critique skills, and learn how to use these effectively to improve designs. Children have the opportunity to showcase their design and technology products individually or as part of a group. Extra Design and Technology 'days' in addition to the planned curriculum give opportunities for all children to shine.

Flourish – As teachers we motivate all children to flourish as enterprising and capable citizens. We inspire children by showcasing important developments in design and technology, allowing them to choose and follow their own choices. We inspire children to have confidence to ask questions, be ambitious and draw on their associated knowledge of STEM subjects to allow them to flourish.

Skill	EYFS: Early Learning Goal	Year 1	Year 2	End of Key Stage expectations	Vocabulary
Design	They handle equipment and tools effectively, including pencils for writing. They safely use and explore a	I use my own ideas to make something.	I use my own ideas to make something for another user.	Design purposeful, functional, appealing products for themselves and other users based on design criteria	idea, design, plan, develop, explain,
	variety of materials, tools and	I describe how something works.	I think of an idea and plan what to do next.	Generate, develop, model and communicate their	









Make	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	I explain to someone else how I want to make my product. I make a simple plan before making. I choose appropriate	I choose tools and	ideas through talking, drawing, templates, mock- ups and, where appropriate, information and communication technology	cut,
	thinking about uses and purposes. They represent their own ideas, thoughts and feelings through design and technology.	resources and tools. I can follow instructions to join materials in different ways.	explain why I have chosen them. I measure materials to use in a product or structure. I join materials and components in different ways.	Select from and use a range of tools and equipment to perform practical tasks [for example, cutting, shaping, joining and finishing]	join, shape, finish, tools, resources, equipment, construct,
		I choose materials to match my ideas.	I choose materials and explain why I have chosen them.	Select from and use a wide range of construction materials, according to their characteristics	
		I choose textiles to match my ideas.	I explain why I have chosen specific textiles.	Select from and use a wide range of textiles, according to their characteristics	
Evaluate		I describe how I think something works. I can talk about my work.	I explore a product and explain how it may work. I explain what went well with my work.	Explore and evaluate a range of existing products Evaluate their ideas and products against design criteria	evaluate, discuss, explain









Technical	I make my mo	del I join r	naterials and	Build structures, exploring	stable,
Knowledge	stronger.	compo	onents in different	how they can be made	lever,
		ways.		stronger, stiffer and more	slider,
				stable	axle,
	I make a prod	uct which I can n	nake a product	Explore and use	structure
	moves.	which	moves, using	mechanisms [for example,	
		differe	ent mechanisms.	levers, sliders, wheels and	
				axles], in their products.	
Cooking and	I cut food safe	ly. I choo	se a specific tool	Select from and use a range	cut,
nutrition		for a s	elect purpose.	of tools and equipment to	chop,
				perform practical tasks [for	ingredients,
				example, cutting, shaping,	healthy,
				joining and finishing]	balanced diet,
	I can use the i	ngredients I descr	ribe the	Select from and use a wide	
	I am given.	ingred	ients I am using.	range of ingredients,	
				according to their	
				characteristics	
	I choose healt	hy I choo	se ingredients for	Use the basic principles of a	
	ingredients to	use. a bala	nced diet.	healthy and varied diet to	
				prepare dishes	
	I understand t	hat food I unde	rstand that meat	Understand where food	
	can be grown.	comes	s from animals.	comes from.	