



Design Technology Progression Grid

| Concept | Nursery | Reception | Y1 | Y2 |
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| Design | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore and experiment with a range of media and materials. • Develop ideas through experimentation. • Talk about what they have made. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Talk about what a design is. • Talk about and name a range of materials. • Produce a shared design. Too be able to talk about the product and its purpose. • Use gestures, talking and arrangements of materials and components to show design. • To adapt an idea- colour, pattern. • Use language to plan. Need to cut this. Need to glue this. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use pictures and words to convey what they want to design/make. • Propose one idea for their product. • Develop one idea for their product. • Use kits/reclaimed materials to develop their idea. • Create a simple model of idea using kits, or reclaimed materials. • Select appropriate technique explaining: First... Next... Last.... • Explore ideas by rearranging materials/ingredients. • Use drawings to record ideas as they are developed. • Add notes to drawings to help explanations. • Use ICT to communicate their ideas | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use pictures and words to convey what they want to design/make. • Propose more than one idea for their product. • Develop more than one idea or more for their product. • Use kits/reclaimed materials to develop their idea. • Create models to convey and develop ideas using kits, or reclaimed materials. • Select appropriate technique explaining: First... Next... Last.... Explore ideas by rearranging materials/ingredients and explain why. • Use drawings to record ideas as they are developed. • Add notes to drawings to help explanations and material choice. • Use ICT to communicate their ideas. • Describe their models and drawings of ideas and intentions. |

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| Make | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use various construction materials. • Experiment with junk modelling, attaching it together. • Use simple joining methods. Glue, Sellotape, masking tape. • Start experimenting with scissors. Cutting playdoh, snipping. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Talk about what they are making. • Construct with a purpose, using a variety of materials. • Explore different tools and use with a purpose. E.g. Scissors to cut along lines. • Explore joining methods and understand some are better than others. Tape, split pins, paper folding, paper clips, glue. • | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss their work as it progresses. • Select materials/ingredients from a limited range that will meet the design criteria. • Select and name the tools needed to work the materials/ingredients. • Explain what they are making, how they are joining or cutting. • Explain which materials/ingredients they are using and why. • Name the tools they are using. • Use the tools with support. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss their work as it progresses and adapt their design. • Select materials/ingredients from a range that will meet the design criteria. • Select and name the tools needed to work the materials/ingredients and explain why they are used. • Explain what they are making, how they are joining, cutting and why. • Explain which materials/ingredients they are using and why. • Name the tools they are using. • Use the tools with some support. |
| Evaluate | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Share what they have made with peers and adults and talk about what they have made. • Start to answer questions about their product. E.g. What are the wheels for? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Talk about their product with peers and adults. • Adapt product based on feedback from an adult. E.g. Could you add colour to that? • Talk about how things work. • Look at similarities and differences between existing objects / materials / tools | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore existing products and investigate how they have been made. • Decide how existing products do/do not achieve their purpose. • Talk about their design as they develop and identify good and bad points. • Can talk about changes made during the making process. • Say what they like and do not like about items they have made and attempt to say why. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore existing products and investigate how they have been made. • Decide how existing products do/do not achieve their purpose. • Talk about their design as they develop and identify good and bad points. • Note changes made during the making process as annotation to plans/drawings. • Write what they like and do not like about items they have made and attempt to say why. |



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| | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss how closely their finished product meets their design criteria and how well it meets the needs of the user. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Write how closely their finished product meets their design criteria and how well it meets the needs of the user. |
| Skills - Mechanisms | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To enjoy looking and reading pop up books. To explore using scissors. Cutting Playdoh, snipping. Explore joining materials. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explore mechanism through play. Explore a range of mechanisms in construction resources, book and toys. To use scissors to cut along a straight or curved line. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Make a sliding mechanism out of card. To understand how to use a split pin. Understand and use a pivot and lever mechanism using card and a split pin. Make a wheel mechanism using card and a split pin. Match a mechanism to the type of movement it makes. Use scissor correctly. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use technical vocabulary when describing mechanisms, tools and materials they use. Join appropriately for different materials and situations e.g. glue, tape. Try out different axle fixings and their strengths and weaknesses. Make vehicles with construction kits which contain free running wheels. Use a range of materials to create models with wheels and axles e.g. tubes, dowel, cotton reels. Cut dowel using hacksaw and bench hook. Attach wheels to a chassis using an axle. Use a hole punch and Insert paper fasteners for card. |
| Knowledge - Mechanisms | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To know things move. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To know how things, move. To know materials can be attached in different ways. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Know about movement of simple mechanisms such as levers, sliders, wheels and axels. Know appropriate vocabulary mechanism, lever, split pin, cam. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apply knowledge about movement of simple mechanisms such as levers, sliders, wheels and axels. Use appropriate vocabulary in context. E.g. the split pin creates the pivot. |
| Skills - Textiles | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To explore and feel different textiles. To thread. Beads, in and out. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To identify fabrics from other materials. Weaving in and out. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To name some fabrics e.g. cotton, felt. Supported to thread a needle. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To name and identify fabrics. Thread a needle. |



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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Join textiles using glue. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supported join textiles using a needle and thread, in and out. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Join textiles using a running stitch. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cut, then join textiles using an over sew stitch. Decorate using a range of items (buttons, sequins, beads, ribbons etc). |
| Knowledge-Textiles | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To know that different textiles feel different. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To be able to talk about the characteristics of different materials, e.g. it is red and fluffy. To know that materials can be joined together. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To know there are different textiles for different purposes. To talk about a material and its characteristic. To know what a running stitch is. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To know there are different textiles for different purposes and explain why. To talk about materials and their characteristic. To know what a running stitch is and an over stitch and the difference. |
| Skills – Food & Nutrition | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cut food with supervision using a knife. Mix using a spoon. Spread using a knife. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cut different foods with supervision using a knife. Mix and combine ingredients to make a final product. Supported and directed. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Know how to peel, cut, grate, mix and mould foods (with close supervision). | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Know how to peel, cut, grate, mix and mould foods (with supervision). Measure ingredients accurately. |
| Knowledge – Food & Nutrition | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss foods which are more and less healthy | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Know the difference between healthy and less healthy. Make healthy choices. Discuss food from a range of cultures. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To know how to make an activity safe and hygienic. To know the senses and how they are used with food. To know the need for variety in food. To begin to understand that eating well contributes to good health. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To know where some foods come from, (i.e. plant or animal). To describe differences between some food groups (i.e. sweet, vegetable etc.). To know how fruit and vegetables are healthy. To know the different food groups. |
| Skills – Materials & Structures | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explore in the modelling areas attaching, stacking and joining. To use tapes and glue. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Start joining materials with purpose. To use a split pin. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Begin to measure and join materials, with some support. Suggest ways to make material/product stronger. To use hammer a nail. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Measure materials using a ruler. Join materials in different ways. Use joining, rolling or folding to make it stronger. Use own ideas to try to make product stronger. To use a drill. |



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| Knowledge – Materials & Structures | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• To know something is wood or not. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• To know if something is wood or plastic or different.• To know a famous structure and talk about it. E.g. the Eiffel tower. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• To identify some materials wood, plastic, glass, fabric, card, rubber etc.• To identify a famous structure and talk about its characteristics. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• To know some materials and talk about their characteristics. E.g. Wood is strong. Plastic can be flexible and hard.• To identify a few famous structures and talk about their characteristics. |
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