Design Technology

Progression of Skills and Knowledge

(following the Kapow Scheme for DT)

Structures

		EYFS (Reception)	
		Junk modelling	Boats
Skills	Design	• Making verbal plans and material choices. • Developing a junk model.	• Designing a junk model boat. • Using knowledge from exploration to inform design.
	Make	• Improving fine motor/scissor skills with a variety of materials. • Joining materials in a variety of ways (temporary and permanent). • Joining different materials together. • Describing their junk model, and how they intend to put it together.	• Making a boat that floats and is waterproof, considering material choices.
	Evaluate	• Giving a verbal evaluation of their own and others' junk models with adult support. • Checking to see if their model matches their plan. • Considering what they would do differently if they were to do it again. • Describing their favourite and least favourite part of their model.	• Making predictions about, and evaluating different materials to see if they are waterproof. • Making predictions about, and evaluating existing boats to see which floats best. • Testing their design and reflecting on what could have been done differently. • Investigating the how the shapes and structure of a boat affect the way it moves.
Knowledge	Technical	• To know there are a range to different materials that can be used to make a model and that they are all slightly different. • Making simple suggestions to fix their junk model.	• To know that 'waterproof' materials are those which do not absorb water.
	Additional		• To know that some objects float and others sink. • To know the different parts of a boat.

Structures

		Year 1	Year 2
		Constructing a windmill	Baby bear's chair
Skills	Design	• Learning the importance of a clear design criteria. • Including individual preferences and requirements in a design.	• Generating and communicating ideas using sketching and modelling.
	Make	• Making stable structures from card, tape and glue. • Learning how to turn 2D nets into 3D structures. • Following instructions to cut and assemble the supporting structure of a windmill. • Making functioning turbines and axles which are assembled into a main supporting structure.	• Making a structure according to design criteria. • Creating joints and structures from paper/card and tape. • Building a strong and stiff structure by folding paper.
	Evaluate		• Testing the strength of own structure. • Identifying the weakest part of a structure. • Evaluating the strength, stiffness and stability of own structure.
Knowledge	Technical	• To understand that the shape of materials can be changed to improve the strength and stiffness of structures. • To understand that cylinders are a strong type of structure (e.g. the main shape used for windmills and lighthouses). • To understand that axles are used in structures and mechanisms to make parts turn in a circle. • To begin to understand that different structures are used for different purposes. • To know that a structure is something that has been made and put together.	• To know that materials can be manipulated to improve strength and stiffness. • To know that a structure is something which has been formed or made from parts. • To know that a 'stable' structure is one which is firmly fixed and unlikely to change or move. • To know that a 'strong' structure is one which does not break easily. • To know that a 'stiff' structure or material is one which does not bend easily.
	Additional	• To know that a client is the person I am designing for. • To know that design criteria is a list of points to ensure the product meets the clients needs and wants. • To know that a windmill harnesses the power of wind for a purpose like grinding grain, pumping water or generating electricity. • To know that windmill turbines use wind to turn and make the machines inside work. • To know that a windmill is a structure with sails that are moved by the wind. • To know the three main parts of a windmill are the turbine, axle and structure.	N/A

Structures

		Year 3	Year 4
		Constructing a castle	Pavilions
Skills	Design	• Designing a castle with key features to appeal to a specific person/purpose. • Drawing and labelling a castle design using 2D shapes, labelling: -the 3D shapes that will create the features - materials needed and colours. • Designing and/or decorating a castle tower on CAD software.	• Designing a stable pavilion structure that is aesthetically pleasing and selecting materials to create a desired effect. • Building frame structures designed to support weight.
	Make	• Constructing a range of 3D geometric shapes using nets . • Creating special features for individual designs. • Making facades from a range of recycled materials.	• Creating a range of different shaped frame structures. • Making a variety of free standing frame structures of different shapes and sizes. • Selecting appropriate materials to build a strong structure and cladding. • Reinforcing corners to strengthen a structure. • Creating a design in accordance with a plan. • Learning to create different textural effects with materials.
	Evaluate	• Evaluating own work and the work of others based on the aesthetic of the finished product and in comparison to the original design. • Suggesting points for modification of the individual designs.	• Evaluating structures made by the class. • Describing what characteristics of a design and construction made it the most effective. • Considering effective and ineffective designs.
Knowledge	Technical	• To understand that wide and flat based objects are more stable. • To understand the importance of strength and stiffness in structures.	• To understand what a frame structure is. • To know that a 'free-standing' structure is one which can stand on its own.
	Additional	• To know the following features of a castle: flags, towers, battlements, turrets, curtain walls, moat, drawbridge and gatehouse - and their purpose. • To know that a façade is the front of a structure. • To understand that a castle needed to be strong and stable to withstand enemy attack. • To know that a paper net is a flat 2D shape that can become a 3D shape once assembled. • To know that a design specification is a list of success criteria for a product.	• To know that a pavilion is a a decorative building or structure for leisure activities. • To know that cladding can be applied to structures for different effects. • To know that aesthetics are how a product looks. • To know that a product's function means its purpose. • To understand that the target audience means the person or group of people a product is designed for. • To know that architects consider light, shadow and patterns when designing.

Structures

		Year 5	Year 6
		Bridges	Playgrounds
Skills	Design	• Designing a stable structure that is able to support weight. • Creating a frame structure with a focus on triangulation.	• Designing a playground featuring a variety of different structures, giving careful consideration to how the structures will be used, considering effective and ineffective designs.
	Make	• Making a range of different shaped beam bridges. • Using triangles to create truss bridges that span a given distance and support a load. • Building a wooden bridge structure. • Independently measuring and marking wood accurately. • Selecting appropriate tools and equipment for particular tasks. • Using the correct techniques to saws safely. • Identifying where a structure needs reinforcement and using card corners for support. • Explaining why selecting appropriating materials is an important part of the design process. • Understanding basic wood functional properties.	• Building a range of play apparatus structures drawing upon new and prior knowledge of structures. • Measuring, marking and cutting wood to create a range of structures. • Using a range of materials to reinforce and add decoration to structures.
	Evaluate	• Adapting and improving own bridge structure by identifying points of weakness and reinforcing them as necessary. • Suggesting points for improvements for own bridges and those designed by others.	• Improving a design plan based on peer evaluation. • Testing and adapting a design to improve it as it is developed. • Identifying what makes a successful structure.
Knowledge	Technical	• To understand some different ways to reinforce structures. • To understand how triangles can be used to reinforce bridges. • To know that properties are words that describe the form and function of materials. • To understand why material selection is important based on properties. • To understand the material (functional and aesthetic) properties of wood.	• To know that structures can be strengthened by manipulating materials and shapes.
	Additional	• To understand the difference between arch, beam, truss and suspension bridges. • To understand how to carry and use a saw safely.	• To understand what a 'footprint plan' is. • To understand that in the real world, design , can impact users in positive and negative ways. • To know that a prototype is a cheap model to test a design idea.

Mechanisms / Mechanical systems

		Year 1		Year 2	
		Making a moving storybook	Wheels and axles	Fairground wheel	Making a moving monster
Skills	Design	• Explaining how to adapt mechanisms, using bridges or guides to control the movement. • Designing a moving story book for a given audience.	• Designing a vehicle that includes wheels, axles and axle holders, that when combined, will allow the wheels to move. • Creating clearly labelled drawings that illustrate movement.	• Selecting a suitable linkage system to produce the desired motion. • Designing a wheel.	• Creating a class design criteria for a moving monster. • Designing a moving monster for a specific audience in accordance with a design criteria.
	Make	• Following a design to create moving models that use levers and sliders.	• Adapting mechanisms, when: • they do not work as they should. • to fit their vehicle design. • to improve how they work after testing their vehicle.	• Selecting materials according to their characteristics. • Following a design brief.	• Making linkages using card for levers and split pins for pivots. • Experimenting with linkages adjusting the widths, lengths and thicknesses of card used. • Cutting and assembling components neatly.
	Evaluate	• Testing a finished product, seeing whether it moves as planned and if not, explaining why and how it can be fixed. • Reviewing the success of a product by testing it with its intended audience.	• Testing wheel and axle mechanisms, identifying what stops the wheels from turning, and recognising that a wheel needs an axle in order to move.	• Evaluating different designs. • Testing and adapting a design.	• Evaluating own designs against design criteria. • Using peer feedback to modify a final design.
Knowledge	Technical	• To know that a mechanism is the parts of an object that move together. •To know that a slider mechanism moves an object from side to side. • To know that a slider mechanism has a slider, slots , guides and an object. • To know that bridges and guides are bits of card that purposefully restrict the movement of the slider.	• To know that wheels need to be round to rotate and move. • To understand that for a wheel to move it must be attached to a rotating axle. • To know that an axle moves within an axle holder which is fixed to the vehicle or toy. • To know that the frame of a vehicle (chassis) needs to be balanced.	• To know that different materials have different properties and are therefore suitable for different uses.	• To know that mechanisms are a collection of moving parts that work together as a machine to produce movement. • To know that there is always an input and output in a mechanism. • To know that an input is the energy that is used to start something working. • To know that an output is the movement that happens as a result of the input. • To know that a lever is something that turns on a pivot. • To know that a linkage mechanism is made up of a series of levers.
	Additional	• To know that in Design and technology we call a plan a 'design'.	• To know some real-life items that use wheels such as wheelbarrows, hamster wheels and vehicles.	• To know the features of a ferris wheel include the wheel, frame, pods, a base an axle and an axle holder. • To know that it is important to test my design as I go along so that I can solve any problems that may occur.	• To know some real-life objects that contain mechanisms.

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		Year 3	Year 4
		Pneumatic toys	Making a slingshot car
Skills	Design	• Designing a toy which uses a pneumatic system. • Developing design criteria from a design brief. • Generating ideas using thumbnail sketches and exploded diagrams. • Learning that different types of drawings are used in design to explain ideas clearly.	• Designing a shape that reduces air resistance. • Drawing a net to create a structure from. • Choosing shapes that increase or decrease speed as a result of air resistance. • Personalising a design.
	Make	• Creating a pneumatic system to create a desired motion. • Building secure housing for a pneumatic system. • Using syringes and balloons to create different types of pneumatic systems to make a functional and appealing pneumatic toy. • Selecting materials due to their functional and aesthetic characteristics. • Manipulating materials to create different effects by cutting, creasing, folding and weaving.	• Measuring, marking, cutting and assembling with increasing accuracy. • Making a model based on a chosen design.
	Evaluate	• Using the views of others to improve designs. • Testing and modifying the outcome, suggesting improvements. • Understanding the purpose of exploded-diagrams through the eyes of a designer and their client.	• Evaluating the speed of a final product based on: the effect of shape on speed and the accuracy of workmanship on performance.
Knowledge	Technical	• To understand how pneumatic systems work. • To understand that pneumatic systems can be used as part of a mechanism. • To know that pneumatic systems operate by drawing in, releasing and compressing air.	• To know that air resistance is the level of drag on an object as it is forced through the air. • To understand that the shape of a moving object will affect how it moves due to air resistance..
	Additional	• To understand how sketches, drawings and diagrams can be used to communicate design ideas. • To know that exploded-diagrams are used to show how different parts of a product fit together. • To know that thumbnail sketches are small drawings to get ideas down on paper quickly.	• To know that aesthetics means how an object or product looks in design and technology. • To know that a template is a stencil you can use to help you draw the same shape accurately. • To know that a birds-eye view means a view from a high angle (as if a bird in flight). • To know that graphics are images which are designed to explain or advertise something. •To know that it is important to assess and evaluate design ideas and models against a list of design criteria.

Mechanisms / Mechanical systems

		Year 5	Year 6
		Pop up book	Automata toys
Skills	Design	• Designing a pop-up book which uses a mixture of structures and mechanisms. • Naming each mechanism, input and output accurately. • Storyboarding ideas for a book.	•Experimenting with a range of cams, creating a design for an automata toy based on a choice of cam to create a desired movement. • Understanding how linkages change the direction of a force. • Making things move at the same time. • Understanding and drawing cross-sectional diagrams to show the inner-workings of my design.
	Make	• Following a design brief to make a pop up book, neatly and with focus on accuracy. • Making mechanisms and/or structures using sliders, pivots and folds to produce movement. • Using layers and spacers to hide the workings of mechanical parts for an aesthetically pleasing result.	• Measuring, marking and checking the accuracy of the jelutong and dowel pieces required. • Measuring, marking and cutting components accurately using a ruler and scissors. • Assembling components accurately to make a stable frame. • Understanding that for the frame to function effectively the components must be cut accurately and the joints of the frame secured at right angles. • Selecting appropriate materials based on the materials being joined and the speed at which the glue needs to dry/set.
	Evaluate	N/A	• Evaluating the work of others and receiving feedback on own work. • Applying points of improvement to their toys. • Describing changes they would make/do if they were to do the project again.
Knowledge	Technical	• To know that mechanisms control movement. • To understand that mechanisms can be used to change one kind of motion into another. • To understand how to use sliders, pivots and folds to create paper-based mechanisms.	• To understand that the mechanism in an automata uses a system of cams, axles and followers. • To understand that different shaped cams produce different outputs.
	Additional	• To know that a design brief is a description of what I am going to design and make. • To know that designers often want to hide mechanisms to make a product more aesthetically pleasing.	• To know that an automata is a hand powered mechanical toy. • To know that a cross-sectional diagram shows the inner workings of a product. • To understand how to use a bench hook and saw safely. • To know that a set square can be used to help mark 90° angles.

Food

		Year 1	Year 2
		Fruit and vegetables	A balanced diet
Skills	Design	• Designing smoothie carton packaging by-hand or on ICT software.	• Designing a healthy wrap based on a food combination which works well together.
	Make	• Chopping fruit and vegetables safely to make a smoothie. • Identifying if a food is a fruit or a vegetable. • Learning where and how fruits and vegetables grow.	• Slicing food safely using the bridge or claw grip. • Constructing a wrap that meets a design brief.
	Evaluate	• Tasting and evaluating different food combinations. • Describing appearance, smell and taste. • Suggesting information to be included on packaging.	• Describing the taste, texture and smell of fruit and vegetables. • Taste testing food combinations and final products. • Describing the information that should be included on a label. • Evaluating which grip was most effective.
Knowledge	Cooking and nutrition	• Understanding the difference between fruits and vegetables. • To understand that some foods typically known as vegetables are actually fruits (e.g. cucumber). • To know that a blender is a machine which mixes ingredients together into a smooth liquid. • To know that a fruit has seeds and a vegetable does not. • To know that fruits grow on trees or vines. • To know that vegetables can grow either above or below ground. • To know that vegetables can come from different parts of the plant (e.g. roots: potatoes, leaves: lettuce, fruit: cucumber).	• To know that 'diet' means the food and drink that a person or animal usually eats. • To understand what makes a balanced diet. • To know where to find the nutritional information on packaging. • To know that the five main food groups are: Carbohydrates, fruits and vegetables, protein, dairy and foods high in fat and sugar. • To understand that I should eat a range of different foods from each food group, and roughly how much of each food group. • To know that nutrients are substances in food that all living things need to make energy, grow and develop. • To know that 'ingredients' means the items in a mixture or recipe. • To know that I should only have a maximum of five teaspoons of sugar a day to stay healthy. • To know that many food and drinks we do not expect to contain sugar do; we call these 'hidden sugars'.

Food

		Year 3	Year 4
		Eating seasonally	Adapting a recipe
Skills	Design	• Creating a healthy and nutritious recipe for a savoury tart using seasonal ingredients, considering the taste, texture, smell and appearance of the dish.	• Designing a biscuit within a given budget, drawing upon previous taste testing judgements.
	Make	• Knowing how to prepare themselves and a work space to cook safely in, learning the basic rules to avoid food contamination. • Following the instructions within a recipe.	• Following a baking recipe, from start to finish, including the preparation of ingredients. • Cooking safely, following basic hygiene rules. • Adapting a recipe to improve it or change it to meet new criteria (e.g. from savoury to sweet).
	Evaluate	• Establishing and using design criteria to help test and review dishes. • Describing the benefits of seasonal fruits and vegetables and the impact on the environment. • Suggesting points for improvement when making a seasonal tart.	• Evaluating a recipe, considering: taste, smell, texture and appearance. • Describing the impact of the budget on the selection of ingredients. • Evaluating and comparing a range of food products. • Suggesting modifications to a recipe (e.g. This biscuit has too many raisins, and it is falling apart, so next time I will use less raisins).
Knowledge	Cooking and nutrition	• To know that not all fruits and vegetables can be grown in the UK. • To know that climate affects food growth. • To know that vegetables and fruit grow in certain seasons. • To know that cooking instructions are known as a 'recipe'. • To know that imported food is food which has been brought into the country. • To know that exported food is food which has been sent to another country.. • To understand that imported foods travel from far away and this can negatively impact the environment. • To know that each fruit and vegetable gives us nutritional benefits because they contain vitamins, minerals and fibre. • To understand that vitamins, minerals and fibre are important for energy, growth and maintaining health. • To know safety rules for using, storing and cleaning a knife safely. • To know that similar coloured fruits and vegetables often have similar nutritional benefits.	• To know that the amount of an ingredient in a recipe is known as the 'quantity.' • To know that it is important to use oven gloves when removing hot food from an oven. • To know the following cooking techniques: sieving, creaming, rubbing method, cooling. •To understand the importance of budgeting while planning ingredients for biscuits.

Food

		Year 5	Year 6
		What could be healthier?	Come dine with me
Skills	Design	• Adapting a traditional recipe, understanding that the nutritional value of a recipe alters if you remove, substitute or add additional ingredients. • Writing an amended method for a recipe to incorporate the relevant changes to ingredients. • Designing appealing packaging to reflect a recipe.	• Writing a recipe, explaining the key steps, method and ingredients. • Including facts and drawings from research undertaken.
	Make	• Cutting and preparing vegetables safely. • Using equipment safely, including knives, hot pans and hobs. • Knowing how to avoid cross-contamination. • Following a step by step method carefully to make a recipe.	• Following a recipe, including using the correct quantities of each ingredient. • Adapting a recipe based on research. • Working to a given timescale. • Working safely and hygienically with independence.
	Evaluate	• Identifying the nutritional differences between different products and recipes. • Identifying and describing healthy benefits of food groups.	• Evaluating a recipe, considering: taste, smell, texture and origin of the food group. • Taste testing and scoring final products. • Suggesting and writing up points of improvements when scoring others' dishes, and when evaluating their own throughout the planning, preparation and cooking process. • Evaluating health and safety in production to minimise cross contamination.
Knowledge	Cooking and nutrition	• To understand where meat comes from - learning that beef is from cattle and how beef is reared and processed, including key welfare issues. • To know that I can adapt a recipe to make it healthier by substituting ingredients. • To know that I can use a nutritional calculator to see how healthy a food option is. • To understand that 'cross-contamination' means bacteria and germs have been passed onto ready-to-eat foods and it happens when these foods mix with raw meat or unclean objects.	• To know that 'flavour' is how a food or drink tastes. • To know that many countries have 'national dishes' which are recipes associated with that country. • To know that 'processed food' means food that has been put through multiple changes in a factory. • To understand that it is important to wash fruit and vegetables before eating to remove any dirt and insecticides. • To understand what happens to a certain food before it appears on the supermarket shelf (Farm to Fork).

Textiles

		EYFS: Reception	Year 1	Year 2
		Bookmarks	Puppets	Pouches
Skills	Design	• Discussing what a good design needs. • Designing a simple pattern with paper. • Designing a bookmark. • Choosing from available materials.	• Using a template to create a design for a puppet.	• Designing a pouch.
	Make	• Developing fine motor/cutting skills with scissors. • Exploring fine motor/threading and weaving (under, over technique) with a variety of materials. • Using a prepared needle and wool to practise threading.	• Cutting fabric neatly with scissors. • Using joining methods to decorate a puppet. • Sequencing steps for construction.	• Selecting and cutting fabrics for sewing. • Decorating a pouch using fabric glue or running stitch. • Threading a needle. • Sewing running stitch, with evenly spaced, neat, even stitches to join fabric. • Neatly pinning and cutting fabric using a template.
	Evaluate	• Reflecting on a finished product and comparing to their design.	• Reflecting on a finished product, explaining likes and dislikes.	• Troubleshooting scenarios posed by teacher. • Evaluating the quality of the stitching on others' work. • Discussing as a class, the success of their stitching against the success criteria. • Identifying aspects of their peers' work that they particularly like and why.
Knowledge		• To know that a design is a way of planning our idea before we start. • To know that threading is putting one material through an object.	• To know that 'joining technique' means connecting two pieces of material together. • To know that there are various temporary methods of joining fabric by using staples. glue or pins. • To understand that different techniques for joining materials can be used for 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 design idea is useful to see how an idea will look.	• To know that sewing is a method of joining fabric. • To know that different stitches can be used when sewing. • To understand the importance of tying a knot after sewing the final stitch. • To know that a thimble can be used to protect my fingers when sewing.

Textiles

		Year 3	Year 4
		Cross-stitch and appliqué Cushions or Egyptian collars	Fastenings
Skills	Design	• Designing and making a template from an existing cushion and applying individual design criteria.	• Writing design criteria for a product, articulating decisions made. • Designing a personalised book sleeve.
	Make	• Following design criteria to create a cushion or Egyptian collar. • Selecting and cutting fabrics with ease using fabric scissors. • Threading needles with greater independence. • Tying knots with greater independence. • Sewing cross stitch to join fabric. • Decorating fabric using appliqué. • Completing design ideas with stuffing and sewing the edges (Cushions) ***or*** embellishing the collars based on design ideas (Egyptian collars).	• Making and testing a paper template with accuracy and in keeping with the design criteria. • Measuring, marking and cutting fabric using a paper template. • Selecting a stitch style to join fabric, working neatly by sewing small, straight stitches. • Incorporating fastening to a design.
	Evaluate	• Evaluating an end product and thinking of other ways in which to create similar items.	• Testing and 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 of different fastening types.
Knowledge		•To know that applique is a way of mending or decorating a textile by applying smaller pieces of fabric to larger pieces. •To know that when two edges of fabric have been joined together it is called a seam. •To know that it is important to leave space on the fabric for the seam. •To understand that some products are turned inside out after sewing so the stitching is hidden.	• To know that a fastening is something which holds two pieces of material together for example a zipper, toggle, button, press stud and velcro. • To know that different fastening types are useful for different purposes. • To know that creating a mock up (prototype) of their design is useful for checking ideas and proportions.

Year 5	Year 6
N/A: The Condensed Long-term plan does not include a Textiles unit for Year 5	**N/A: The Condensed Long-term plan does not include a Textiles unit for Year 6**