









Design Technology overview

Three big ideas

Composition: Children learn about different forms of design to understand and apply the mechanisms and practical techniques

behind creating them

Construction: Children choose and use different materials to plan, design and construct a range of products

for a purpose

Evaluation: Children trial, evaluate and know how to improve their designs

Cycle 1	Autumn	Spring	Summer
Reception	Expressive art and design Safely use and explore a variety	Expressive art and design Safely use and explore a variety	Fine motor Use a range of small tools,

	of materials, tools and techniques, experimenting with colour, design, texture, form and function. Share their creations, explaining the process they have used.	of materials, tools and techniques, experimenting with colour, design, texture, form and function. Share their creations, explaining the process they have used.	including scissors, paintbrushes and cutlery Managing self Manage their own basic hygiene and personal needs, including dressing, going to the toilet and understanding the importance of healthy food choices
Year 1/2	Textiles - Puppets Purpose - To make a puppet linked to English and the story of The Snowqueen Composition - I can use skills I have acquired to design a glove puppet. Construction - I can use techniques to create my design and think about the appropriate materials to use. Evaluation I can discuss what materials may have worked differently	Mechanical Systems -Vehicles Purpose - racing competition Composition - I can explore and discuss the different ways of creating the vehicle's body. Construction - I can follow my designs to create and make my vehicle using a range of craft materials Evaluation - I can discuss what worked well and what i could improve	Cooking and Nutrition Perfect Pizzas Purpose - To investigate how food changes when cooked (reactions) Composition - I can discuss pizza toppings and food categories for a balanced diet. Construction- I can design and make a pizza EvaluationChildren to discuss how the food changed when cooked and how their pizza tasted. Was it balanced
Vocabulary	hand puppets, template, over stick puppets, fabric design, string puppets, cutting decorate, marionette, stitch features, rod puppet running	parts, axels, wheels, rotate, washer, attached, chassis, body, design, product,	toppings, animal products, categories, protein, hygiene dairy, balanced plate, calcium vitamins, carbohydrates minerals, fibre
Additional DT	Forest schools - see monitoring sheet - Design and make a house	Forest schools - see monitoring sheet - To make a desert	Forest schools - see monitoring sheet - Design and make a rocket/boat

Year 3/4	Textiles- Seasonal Stockings Purpose - Christmas stockings for someone Composition - I can use skills I have acquired to design a stocking Construction- I can use joining techniques and decorative sewing skills to make a Christmas stockings Evaluation - I can discuss how my product matches my plan and design criteria.	Inventions and Achievements Making Mini Greenhouses Purpose - Growing flowers for the playground Composition I can investigate stable structures Construction - I can make a mini greenhouses according to my plans and design criteria. Evaluation - I can think carefully about each step in the making process. and what changes I could do to improve my design.	Cooking and Nutrition Seasonal Food Purpose - environmental awareness Composition - I can talk about how fish are farmed. Construction - I can use information to create a factual presentation Evaluation - To compare my views through discussions
Vocabulary	Stocking, size, decorate, fabric, function, purpose, attractive, join, needle, thread, running stitch, back stitch, overstitch, zigzag stitch, visual appeal, texture, colour, embroidered, affect, product, user, design, combine, techniques	greenhouse, protect, survive, nutrients, transparents, glass, clear, ventilate, heat, trapped, framed, sections, structure, stable, suitable	stored, refrigerated, seasons, healthy, savoury, reared, caught, processed, dit, varied, farmed. nutritious, natural, imported, prepared
Additional DT	Forest schools - see monitoring sheet - To cook a biscuit	Forest schools - see monitoring sheet To design a spacecraft	Forest schools - see monitoring sheet To design a minibeast home
Year 5/6	Textiles Fashion and Textiles Purpose - A gift for a family member Composition To learn how or design and make a simple fabric container Construction To pin and	Inventions and Achievements Bird House Purpose - for forest schools or their garden Composition plan and design a birdhouse with a specific bird in mind. Construction To use woodwork	Cooking and Nutrition Builders Burgers Purpose - To make a sustainable healthy burger Composition To explore and discuss a range of burger buns and their suitability. They will taste and analyse different bread buns,

	hand-sew fabric pieces together, then either sew pieces they cut out and marked previously, Evaluation Children will evaluate on their seams and hems. Discussing ways they could have improved	skills to construct a birdhouse. Evaluation To evaluate the appearance of their bird house, the challenges they had making their design	thinking about their flavour, texture, appearance, shape and suitability for holding a burger together Construction - To use their nutritional knowledge to design and make a burger Evaluation - To evaluate the appearance and taste of the patties.
Vocabulary	Seams, hems, fabric, sew, pin, yarn, bobbins, synthetic, threads, basting stitch, straight stitch, whip stitch, back stitch, applique,	attract, veranda, waterproof, clamped, hammered, glued, drill, dimensions, rods, dowels, sanding, precautions	nutritious, carbohydrates, fats, proteins, calories. molecules, sugars, organs, balance, patty, suitability, texture, flavour, appearance, shape, hygiene,
Additional DT	Forest schools - see monitoring sheet - To make a breakfast	Forest schools - see monitoring sheet - To design a	Forest schools - see monitoring sheet

Cycle 2	Autumn	Spring	Summer
Reception	Fine motor skills Use a range of small tools, including scissors, paintbrushes and cutlery Managing self Manage their own basic hygiene and personal needs, including dressing,	Expressive art and design Safely use and explore a variety of materials, tools and techniques, experimenting with colour, design, texture, form and function. Share their creations, explaining the	Expressive art and design Safely use and explore a variety of materials, tools and techniques, experimenting with colour, design, texture, form and function. Share their creations, explaining the

	going to the toilet and understanding the importance of healthy food choices	process they have used.	process they have used.
Year 1/2	Cooking and Nutrition Purpose - To explore fruits and vegetables from other countries Composition - I can design some new recipes only using fruits and vegetables, making sure they are colourful, tasty and healthy. Construction - I can look at a variety of different foods and the importance of eating more fruit and vegetables than certain other groups of foods. Evaluation - I can discuss how to improve my design	Mechanical Systems - Moving Minibeasts Purpose - To make a toy for a family member Composition - I can explore and discuss how it has been made, looking at how to hide the lever at the back of a picture too. Construction- I can use resources provided to create moving pictures. Evaluation - I can discuss how they could improve their lever	Stable Structures - Purpose - To build a structure to stand against the wind Composition - I can generate and compare ideas based on designs and models Construction- I can plan and begin to think about their own design ideas using reclaimed materials and construction kits Evaluation - I can think about strength, stability, malleability and modify existing plans.
Vocabulary	fruit, vegetable names, names of equipment, soft, juicy, crunchy, sweet, sticky, smooth, sharp, crisp, sour, hard flesh, skin, seed, pip, core, slicing, peeling, cutting, squeezing, healthy diet, choosing, ingredients,	Sliding mechanism, Wheel spin Arc, Attached, Paper fastener, Mechanism, Lever, Pivot, Slot Fixed point	Stable, structure, adapt, design, strong, materials, flexible, investigate, building
Additional DT	Forest schools - see monitoring sheet - Make your own breakfast home learning	Forest schools - see monitoring sheet - Design and make a plane for History home learning	Forest schools - see monitoring sheet - Cake bake competition - friends cake sale

Year 3/4	Mechanical Systems Storybook Purpose - To create a story book to share with KS1 Composition - I know the importance, and effects, of good graphic design and font selection for storybooks. Construction- I can use a range of sketching, shading, writing techniques or use computer software to explore how fonts can be selected and altered so they are appropriate for a purpose Evaluation - I can compare their designs to others.	Inventions and Achievements - British Inventors Purpose - To create a poster to explain who the most influential inventor was Composition - I know about W B Wilkinson's invention of reinforced concrete. To explore and explain different ways that reinforced concrete has been used to build record breaking buildings Construction- I can investigate the different ways to reinforce modroc, paper and to look at waterproof fabrics following the invention of the mackintosh. Evaluation - I can investigate the word 'reinforce' and evaluate their designs.	Programming and Electrical Systems - Light-Up Signs Purpose - Composition- I know ways in which electrical components in a simple circuit can be partially 'hidden' inside products to make them more attractive Construction- I can design their own decorative, light box-style sign. Children will consider ways in which they can make more permanent circuits to fit and fix inside their finished decorative illuminated light box signs. Evaluation - I can look at how they could improve the placement of their circuit
Vocabulary	Designing, moving parts, mechanisms, layout, wording, fonts, purpose, audience,graphics, linkage, rotate, lever, pivot, techniques, pop out, evaluate, product	Designing, www (world wide web), web address, internet, building, connect, webpages, streaming, blogging, designers, properties, inventions, inventors,	Font, illuminate, estimate, electrical components, circuits, power supply, terminals, negative, positive
Additional DT	Forest schools - see monitoring sheet - To make lunch for a family member - Home learning	Forest schools - see monitoring sheet - Design an inventor	Forest schools - see monitoring sheet Cake bake competition - friend cake sale
Year 5/6	Stable Structures - Building Bridges Purpose - Having been presented with a design brief, children must develop criteria for a bridge design	Mechanical Systems /Inventions and Achievements- Chinese Inventions Purpose - To make a kite	Programming and Electrical Systems Composition I can develop ideas for a product with an embedded

	that will meet the terms of the brief. They will then either design a bridge according to their criteria, or generate more criteria for a range of given design briefs Composition - I can talk about different types of bridge designs designs Construction - I can design a prototype and make a freestanding bridge Evaluation - I can compare my prototype against the success criteria	Composition - I can use my knowledge of materials and their properties to predict test results and make a kite prototype Construction - I can use desirable materials to build a kite Evaluation - I can evaluate the productivity of the properties of their materials	computer system that controls it. Construction I can write a program to monitor and control Evaluation To evaluate your design for a computer controlled system
Vocabulary	gravity, downward force, squeeze, stretch, bend, compression, strengthen, distribute, abutment, pillar, parapet, pier, truss, engineers, arches, flexible, tension, suspension, anchorage point, prototype	machines, preform, industry, gears, pullys, leavers, cams, movement, powers, crank, durable, structures, motion, rotating, joint, driver, follower, idler, design, unsuitable, properties, resistance, sail, spine, frame, balance, strength, weight,	thermostat, controlled, components, indicator, motor, sensors, memory chips, embedded, microcontrollers, prototype,monitor, code, LED, resistors, algorithm,
Additional DT	Forest schools - see monitoring sheet - To make lunch for a family member - Home learning	Forest schools - see monitoring sheet - To make a chinese meal (stir fry)	Forest schools - see monitoring sheet Cake bake competition - friend cake sale