## Our Design Technology Curriculum



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## Key Characteristics of a Designer

- I can show originality and the willingness to take creative risks to produce innovative ideas and prototypes.
- I can carry out thorough research, show initiative and ask questions to develop a detailed knowledge of my intended users' needs.
- I have the ability to act as a responsible designer by working ethically, using materials carefully and working safely.
- I have a good knowledge of which tools, equipment and materials to use to make products.
- I can apply mathematical knowledge to my designs where needed.
- I can manage risks exceptionally well to manufacture products safely and hygienically.


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## Big Ideas

## Nursery / Reception

- Mastering practical skills: children need to experiment with a range of techniques to improve their practical skills.
- Designing and making: children come up with some design ideas (think), test them out (make), evaluate (break) and improve (repeat)
- Take inspiration from products: children are encouraged to be curious about how products are made, taking them apart and rebuilding.


## Key Stage 1 \& 2

- . Master practical skills

This concept involves developing the skills needed to make high quality products.

- Design, make, evaluate and improve

This concept involves developing the process of design thinking and seeing design as a process.

- Take inspiration from design throughout history

This concept involves appreciating the design process that has influenced the products we use in everyday life.

## Breadth of Study:

| Nursery | Reception | Key Stage 1 | Key Stage 2 |
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| Explores the feel of a range of everyday objects. | Explores a range of everyday objects and can talk about similarities and differences between them. | Technical knowledge <br> - build structures, exploring how they can be made stronger, stiffer and more stable. | Technical knowledge <br> - apply their understanding of how to strengthen, stiffen and reinforce more complex structures. |
| Develops knowledge about design through play with objects. |  |  | complex structures. <br> - understand and use mechanical sys- |
| Can talk about what they are going to make. | Makes judgements about properties of materials and their suitability for construction. | as levers, sliders, wheels and axles, in their products. <br> Cooking and nutrition | tems in their products, such as gears, pulleys, cams, levers and linkages. <br> - understand and use electrical sys- |
|  | Tests out the properties of materials | - use the basic principles of a healthy and varied diet to prepare dishes. | tems in their products, such as series circuits incorporating switches, bulbs, buzzers and motors. |
| Manipulates basic tools. | Draws out what they are going to make. | - understand where food comes from. | - apply their understanding of computing to programme, monitor and control their products. |
| Reflects on a product, saying what they like | Experiments with design and materials. |  | Cooking and nutrition <br> - understand and apply the principles of a healthy and varied diet. |
|  | Chooses appropriate tools and uses them safely. |  | - prepare and cook a variety of predominantly savoury dishes using a range of cooking techniques. |
|  | Describes how a product is made of many different parts. |  | - understand seasonality and know where and how a variety of ingredients |

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| Explains why they are happy |
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| with their product and how |
| they will tweak their design to |
| improve it |$\quad$| are grown, reared, caught and pro- |
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| cessed. |

## Milestones Key Stage 1 \& 2

| Master practical skills This concept involves developing the skills needed to make high quality products. | Milestone 1 <br> Years 1 \& 2 | Milestone 2 <br> Years 3 \& 4 | Milestone 3 <br> Years 5 \& 6 |
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| Food \& Nutrition | - Cut, peel or grate ingredients safely and hygienically. <br> - Measure or weigh using measuring cups or electronic scales. | - Prepare ingredients hygienically using appropriate utensils. <br> - Measure ingredients to the nearest gram accurately. | - Understand the importance of correct storage and handling of ingredients (using knowledge of micro-organisms). |

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\begin{array}{|l|l|l}\text { - Assemble or cook ingredients. }\end{array}
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\begin{array}{l}\text { - Follow a recipe. } \\
\text { - Assemble or cook ingredients } \\
\text { (controlling the temperature of } \\
\text { the oven or hob, if cooking). }\end{array}
$$ \begin{array}{l}- Measure accurately and calcu- <br>
late ratios of ingredients to scale <br>
up or down from a recipe. <br>
- Demonstrate a range of baking <br>

and cooking techniques.\end{array}\right]\)| - Create and refine recipes, in- |
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| cluding ingredients, methods, |
| cooking times and tempera- |
| tures. |


| Structures | - Use materials to practise drilling, screwing, gluing and nailing materials to make and strengthen products. | - Choose suitable techniques to construct products or to repair items. <br> - Strengthen materials using suitable techniques. | - Develop a range of practical skills to create products (such as cutting, drilling and screwing, nailing, gluing, filing and sanding). |
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| Mechanisms | - Create products using levers, wheels and winding mechanisms. | - Use scientific knowledge of the transference of forces to choose appropriate mechanisms for a product (such as levers, winding mechanisms, pulleys and gears). | - Convert rotary motion to linear using cams. <br> - Use innovative combinations of electronics (or computing) and mechanics in product designs. |
| Design, make, evaluate and improve <br> This concept involves developing the process of design thinking and seeing design as a process. | - Design products that have a clear purpose and an intended user. <br> - Make products, refining the design as work progresses. <br> - Use software to design. | - Design with purpose by identifying opportunities to design. <br> - Make products by working efficiently (such as by carefully selecting materials). <br> - Refine work and techniques as work progresses, continually evaluating the product design. <br> - Use software to design and represent product designs. | - Design with the user in mind, motivated by the service a product will offer (rather than simply for profit). <br> - Make products through stages of prototypes, making continual refinements. <br> - Ensure products have a high quality finish, using art skills where appropriate. <br> - Use prototypes, cross-sectional diagrams and computer |

Take inspiration from design
throughout history

This concept involves appreciating the design process that has influenced the products we use in everyday life.

- Explore objects and designs to identify likes and dislikes of the designs.
- Suggest improvements to existing designs.
- Explore how products have been created.
aided designs to represent designs.
- Combine elements of design from a range of inspirational designers throughout history, giving reasons for choices.
- Create innovative designs that improve upon existing products.
- Evaluate the design of products so as to suggest improvements to the user experience.

| Year 1 <br> Autumn - Solid Structures <br> (Focus - how to make structures more stable) <br> Spring - Mechanisms sliders (Focus - | Start to use technical vocabulary. <br> Join materials in a variety of ways. <br> Decorate using a variety of techniques. <br> Know some ways of making structures stronger. | Select materials from a limited range. <br> Explain what they are making. <br> Name the tools they are using. <br> Use pictures and words to convey what they want to design / make. | Explore existing products and investigate how they have been made (including teacher-made examples). Talk about their design as they develop and identify good and bad points. Say what they like and do not like about items they | Group familiar food products e.g. fruit and vegetables. Cut and chop a range of ingredients. <br> Work safely and hygienically. <br> Know about the need for a variety of foods in a diet. |
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| Summer - Food- Portable | Show how to stiffen some <br> snacks | Explore ideas by rearranging <br> materials. <br> (Focus - Preparing vegeta- <br> bles) | have made and attempt to <br> snow how to make a simple <br> structure more stable. | Select pictures to help de- <br> velop ideas. <br> Use mock-ups e.g. recycled <br> material trial models to try <br> out their ideas. |
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| Year 2 | Join materials in a variety | Discuss their work as it pro- | Decide how existing prod- | Cut, peel, grate, chop a |
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| Autumn - Frame Structures) | of ways. <br> Decorate using a variety of | gresses. <br> Select and name the tools | ucts do / do not achieve their purpose. | range of ingredients. <br> Work safely and hygieni- |
| (Focus-making structures | techniques. | needed to work the mate-ri- | Discuss how closely their | cally. |
| more stable) | Know some ways of making structures stronger. | als. <br> Explain which materials | finished product meets their own design criteria. | Know about the Eatwell Plate. |
| Spring -Mechanics: wheels and axles | Show how to stiffen some materials. | they are using and why. Propose more than one |  | Understand where food comes from. |
| (Focus- joining materials in different ways) | Know how to make a simple structure more stable. | idea for their product. Use ICT to communicate ideas. |  |  |
| Summer - Food: coucous dish | Attach wheels to a chassis using an axle. | Use drawings to record ideas as they are developed. |  |  |
| (Focus - cut, peel \& grate) | Know some different ways of making things move in a 2-D plane. | Add notes to drawings to help explanations. |  |  |


| Year 3 <br> Autumn : Frame Structures (Focus: <br> Spring - mechanisms linked levers (Focus - ) <br> Summer-Food <br> Focus - chop, slice, peel \& cook) | Use an increasingly appropriate technical vocabulary for tools materials and their properties. <br> Prototype a product. <br> Strengthen frames with diagonal struts. <br> Measure and mark square section, strip and dowel accurately to 1 cm . <br> Use linkages to make movement larger or more varied. | Select from a range of tools for cutting, shaping, joining and finishing. <br> Use tools with accuracy. Select from materials according to their functional properties. <br> Use appropriate finishing techniques. <br> Develop more than one design or adaptation of an initial design. <br> Plan a sequence of actions to make a product. <br> Think ahead about the order of their work and decide upon tools and materials. Propose realistic suggestions as to how they can achieve their | Investigate similar products to the one to be made to give starting points for a design. <br> Research needs of user. Decide which design idea to develop. <br> Consider and explain how the finished product could be improved. <br> Discuss how well the finished product meets the user's design criteria. Investigate key events and individuals in design and technology. | Follow instructions / recipes. Join and combine a range of ingredients. <br> Begin to understand the food groups on the Eatwell Plate. |
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| Year 4 |
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| Autumn - Shell Structures |
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| Spring - Mechanisms: <br> pneumatics <br> (Focus - ) |
| Summer - food <br>  <br> cook) |

Use an increasingly appropriate technical vocabulary for tools materials and their properties.
Prototype a product. Strengthen frames with diagonal struts.
Measure and mark square section, strip and dowel accurately to 1 cm .

Prepare pattern pieces as templates for their design. Select from techniques for different parts of the process.
Record the plan by drawing using annotated sketches. Use prototypes to develop and share ideas.
Consider aesthetic qualities of materials chosen.

Draw / sketch existing products in order to analyse and understand how products are made.
Identify the strengths and weaknesses of their design ideas in relation to purpose / user
Consider and explain how the finished product could be improved.
Investigate key events and individuals in design and technology.

Make healthy eating choices - use the Eatwell plate. Understand seasonality. Know where and how ingredients are reared and caught.
Prepare and cook using different cooking techniques

| Year 5 | Use the correct vocabulary appropriate to the project. | Develop one idea in depth | x- | Join and combine a widening range of ingredients. |
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| Autumn - Frame structures <br> (Focus - reinforce a struc- | Join materials using appropriate methods. | Select from and use a wide range of tools. | isting products. |  |
| ture) | Cut strip wood, dowel, square section wood accu- | Cut accurately and safely to a marked line. | Consider user and purpose. Consider and explain how | Select and prepare foods for a particular purpose. |
| Spring - Mechanisms: cams | rately to 1 mm . <br> Build frameworks to support mechanisms. | Select from and use a wide range of materials. Record ideas using anno- | the finished product could be improved related to design criteria. | Know where and how ingredients are grown and processed. |
| Summer - food | Stiffen and reinforce complex structures. | tated diagrams. <br> Use models, kits and drawings to help formulate design ideas. <br> Sketch and model alternative ideas. | Investigate key events and individuals in design and technology. |  |

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|  |  | Decide which design idea to develop. |  |  |
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| Year 6 <br> Autumn - Arch structures <br> Spring - mechanisms: <br> gears \& pulleys <br> (Focus - use mechanical systems) <br> Summer - Food <br> (Focus- use a broad range of techniques) | Use the correct vocabulary appropriate to the project. Join materials using appropriate methods. Cut strip wood, dowel, square section wood accurately to 1 mm . Build frameworks to support mechanisms. <br> Stiffen and reinforce complex structures. <br> Use mechanical systems such as cams, pulleys and gears. | Make prototypes. Use researched information to inform decisions. Produce detailed lists of ingredients / components / materials and tools. Refine their product - review and rework / improve. Plan the sequence of work. Devise step by step plans which can be read / followed by someone else. | Identify the strengths and weaknesses of their design ideas. <br> Report using correct technical vocabulary. <br> Discuss how well the finished product meets the design criteria having tested on/discussed outcomes with the user. <br> Understand how key people have influenced design in a variety of contexts. <br> Investigate key events and individuals in design and technology. | Understand and apply the principles of a healthy and varied diet. <br> Choose ingredients to support healthy eating choices when designing their food products. <br> Prepare and cook a variety of mostly savoury dishes using a range of cooking techniques. |

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