

Be a Designer!

Design and Technology Curriculum – Intent and Implementation

The aim of our Design and Technology curriculum is to give our pupils the opportunity to master key practical skills alongside equipping them with the knowledge and understanding of the design process (design, make and evaluate) through a range of inspiring opportunities. Children will be posed with a number of meaningful problems to solve through their designs. They will have the opportunity to research and evaluate existing designers and their products to inspire and equip them with the knowledge they need to successfully design their own product. They will create structures, mechanisms, textiles and food and, where appropriate, will create prototypes to ensure the greatest success of their final product. Children will be equipped with the skills to evaluate their own products considering important aspects such as the user, purpose and look of their products. Through these experiences, children will develop a critical understanding of the impact and importance of design and technology on daily life and the wider world. Much of the Design and Technology Curriculum is taught through cross-curricular topics which are reviewed on a yearly basis to ensure relevance for the current cohort, and to encourage reflective practise. There is no set formula for the Design and Technology curriculum, and there is flexibility in the long-term plan to reflect the needs and cultural capital of the pupils.

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We believe that every child should be respected as an individual and has the right to learn and develop their talents and abilities (Article 29). We adapt the curriculum and supply resources to suit pupil's individual needs, including; social, emotional and mental health, physical, sensory and cognitive, so that every child can access the curriculum and further their learning. Children with complex needs including children with autism and social communication needs access the curriculum at their own level of personal development. This may not follow the continuum due to their individual learning profile, therefore they may not necessarily access all aspects of the progression map in order. For example, in reading, a child may be able to read complex texts, but not have the comprehension skills to match. Due to the possible sensory needs of children with autism and social communication difficulties, some children may find it challenging to participate in messy play and activities- this will be accounted for in the provision and teaching and learning.

Design - skills and knowledge	(taught throughout each unit of design)
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EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	
3 – 4 year olds Develop their own ideas and then decide which materials to use to express them. Reception I can construct with a purpose in mind I can verbally explain what I am making. I can select simple equipment, materials and techniques needed for my design eg. scissors, glue, paper etc. ELG Safely use and explore a variety of materials, experimenting with colour, design, texture, form and function. I know the names of a variety of materials. I know how to describe textures such as rough, smooth, soft etc. I know how to describe patterns such as line, zig-zag, wavy	I can generate my own ideas to design a product for a purpose/to solve a real life problem. I can draw out my design. I can verbally explain how my product will work and who it is for. I can explore which construction materials will be the most appropriate for my design eg. card, cardboard, plastic, clay, etc. I can explore which joining material will be the most appropriate for my design I know that it is important to design a product before making to ensure that thought has gone into its purpose and outcome. I know the names of a range of construction and joining material	I can identify the purpose for my design. I can generate my own ideas and describe my design through drawing and labelling. I can create a prototype to test my design. I can verbally evaluate my prototypes and develop my product design. I can choose an appropriate construction material for my design eg. card, cardboard, plastic, clay, etc. I can choose an appropriate joining material for my design I know that designers design for a purpose. I know that it is important to develop my product designs through prototypes and evaluation to improve the outcome. I know which materials are the most appropriate to create my produce and explain why. I know which joining materials are the most appropriate for my design and explain why.	
Material, colour, texture	Design, plan, product, purpose, join	Design, product, purpose, label, appropriate, prototype, develop	

Make - skills and knowledge	taught throughout each	unit of design)

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EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	
Reception Explore, use and refine a variety of artistic effects to express their ideas and feelings.	I can measure, mark out, cut and shape a range of materials with support.	I can measure, mark out, cut and score a range of materials accurately and independently.	
Create collaboratively, sharing ideas, resources and skills I can use scissors to cut straight and curved edges.	I can assemble, join and combine materials using joining materials such as Sellotape, stick glue, PVA glue, staples, masking tape and string. I can assemble, join and combine materials using	I can select the most appropriate material and technique to create my product. I can select and use the most appropriate joining material, technique and equipment to assemble my	
ELG Safely use and explore a variety of materials, experimenting with colour, design, texture, form and function.	joining techniques such as flange, tie, tab, stick, slot, sew, brace, tape, fold and split pin. I can use equipment such as scissors, a stapler, hole punch and Sellotape dispenser safely and effectively.	product. (see year 1 for more detail) I can use a range of equipment safely and effectively. (see year 1 for more detail)	
I can safely and effectively use a range of tools eg. scissors, hole punch, stapler, Sellotape dispenser woodworking tools and glue.	I can use simple finishing techniques.		
Make use of props and materials when role playing characters in narratives and stories. I know that materials can be joined using Sellotape,	I know what materials I need to create my product. I know when a cutting or joining tool has been successful.	I know the names and basic properties of the materials need to create my product. I know the names and processes of the techniques I need to create my product.	
stick glue, PVA glue, staples, masking tape and string. I know the names of a range of tools eg. scissors, hole punch, stapler, Sellotape dispenser, woodworking tools and glue.	I know when a product is unfinished. I know which methods of joining are effective on different materials such as <i>glue on paper, masking tape on plastic.</i>	I know the names and purposes of the equipment I need to create my product. I know the difference between a finished product and unfinished product.	
I know the names of a variety of materials. Scissors, straight/curved, hole punch, stapler, Sellotape, card, paper, plastic, cut, tear, stick.	Mark out, cut, shape, material, join, technique, equipment, finished/unfinished product.	Measure, mark out, score, material, technique, equipment, finishing technique.	

Evaluate - skills and knowledge (taught throughout each unit of design before and after design/make)

EYFS	Year 1	Year 2
3 – 4 year olds	I can explore a range of existing products explaining	I can explore a range of existing products considering
Explore different materials freely, in order to develop	their purpose and how they work.	its purpose and intended user.
their ideas about how to use them and what to make.	I can talk about how well an existing product works	I can identify the strengths and weaknesses of an
Reception	based on its purpose.	existing product.
Return to and build on their previous learning, refining	and on the purpose.	Charles Products
ideas and developing their ability to represent them.	I can talk about a product I have made, saying what	I can evaluate my product whilst making it and make
	does/doesn't work well.	appropriate changes or alterations.
I can use a range of equipment to create eg. scissors,	I can talk about how well my product works based on	I can talk about a product I have made, saying what
hole punch, stapler, woodworking tools and glue.	its purpose.	does/doesn't work well considering the intended
I can talk about how I have made something and what		user/purpose.
I like/dislike about my creations.	I can test my product and identify what I could change	
ELG	next time to improve it.	I can suggest ways to improve my design next time
Share their creations, explaining the process they have		
used.		
	I know the names of some existing successful products.	I know the names of some existing successful products
I know what I have made and I know what the different	I know why an existing product is successful.	and I know why they are successful.
parts are.		I know how to test my product to check that it is
I know how to make additions to my product	I know how successful my product is after testing it.	successful.
I know the purpose of equipment eg. scissors, hole		I know how successful my product is after testing it and
punch, stapler, woodworking tools and glue.		explain what changes I may need to make.
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I know how objects work by dismantling them.		
Made, like/don't like, because	Existing product, purpose, successful, works well/doesn't work well, test, improve.	Existing product, purpose, intended user, strengths/weaknesses, product, evaluate, improve, alter.

Technical Aspect: Mec	hanisms and structures	- skills and knowledge

EYFS	Year 1	Year 2
Reception Create collaboratively, sharing ideas, resources and skills	Mechanisms – slider and lever I can design a product that moves using a slider and lever mechanism.	Mechanisms – hinge and wheel and axle I can create a product using a wheel and axle mechanism.
I can use construction materials such as LEGO, DUPLO and K'NEX to build structures.	I can carry out simple fixing techniques eg. securing a lollystick slider with masking tape.	I can use woodworking tools with support to create a wheel and axle.
I know that I can choose from a range of construction materials.	Structures I can build structures.	I can secure a wheel and axle mechanism to a product. I can create a product using a hinge mechanism.
	I can use a wide range of construction materials, equipment and techniques to build structures.	I can choose a mechanism for a specific task.
	I can build structures, adapting them to make them stronger, stiffer and more stable	I can follow health and safety procedures when using the woodworking equipment.
	I know the name of a slider and lever.	I know the names of different mechanisms eg. slider, lever, hinge, wheel and axle
	I know how to operate a slider and lever.	I know what a wheel and axle is and how it works.
	I know that different mechanisms create different movements.	I know that the axle has to move to enable to wheel to turn.
	I know what construction material is appropriate for my product.	I know the difference between a fixed and free-moving axle.
	I know what makes a freestanding structure stronger, stiffer and more stable.	I know what a hinge mechanism is and how it works.
Build, construction, LEGO, DUPLO, K'NEX, join, shape	Slider, lever, mechanism, fix, structure, construction, strong, stiff, stable, freestanding.	Hinge, wheel, axle, mechanism, chassis, body, cab, dowel, secure, move, turn, fixed/free moving axle, movement.

Technical Aspect: Textiles - skills and knowledge	cal Aspect: Textiles - skills	and know	ledge
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EYFS	Year 1	Year 2
ELG Safely use and explore a variety of materials, tools and techniques I can draw around a template. I can cut following the line of a template.	I can use a template to draw out a pattern to cut. I can cut out a pattern in a material. I can join materials using a range of techniques such as gluing, stapling and stitching I can weave materials. I can sew using a running stitch and can use this technique to join two pieces of fabric together.	I can use a template for my design. I can select an appropriate fabric for my product based on its properties. I can begin to thread a needle independently. I can sew using an over-stitch I can use a running stitch and over-stitch to join two pieces of fabric together.
I know that I have to hold down a template to draw around the outside. I know how to hold scissors correctly. I know how to make snips on paper. I know that materials can be joined together using tape and glue.	I know what a template is I know that I can use a range of techniques to join material such as gluing, stapling and stitching I know that to weave you have to alternate going over and under. I know that a running stitch follows the over and under pattern of weaving. I know the name of a needle, eye and thread. I know that needles are sharp so I have to follow health and safety rules.	I know why designers use templates. I know some properties of different fabrics and why they might be used for different purposes eg. wool being soft and warm. I know how to use an over-stitch. I know that needles are sharp so I have to follow health and safety rules.
Template, draw, cut, line, follow.	Template, pattern, material, join, weave, running stitch, sew, needle, thread.	Template, fabric, properties, running stitch, over- stitch, finish, needle, eye, thread, knot.

Cooking	and Nutrition	- skills and	know	edge
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EYFS	Year 1	Year 2
I can make healthy choices about food, drink activity and tooth brushing.	I can use simple cutting tools to prepare soft fruit and vegetables.	I can confidently and independently cut, peel, slice and grate food.
I know and talk about the different factors that support my overall wellbeing. I know that I need to eat fruit to be healthy.	I can peel, slice and grate food with support and guidance. I can use the bridge grip to chop food. I can follow basic food safety practices such as washing hands, tying back hair, no nail varnish and	I can chop food using the claw grip. I can follow basic food safety practices such as wiping surfaces and equipment, washing hands, tying back hair, no nail varnish and which tools are sharp. I can classify food into the different food groups.
I know that I need to brush my teeth at least twice a day. I know that I need to drink water.	I know that I need to eat 5 portions of fruit and	I know the names of the different food groups – fruits and vegetables, carbohydrates, proteins, dairy, fat and oils
	I know that I must eat a variety of different foods. I know that fruit and vegetables need to be grown and meat comes from animals.	I know that I should have a variety of different food groups in each meal to be healthy I know that some foods are sourced from different
	I know what needs chopping, slicing, grating or peeling.	I know what the fair-trade symbol means.
Fruit, vegetable, healthy, teeth, water, hygiene, health.	Tool, prepare, peel, slice, grate, bridge grip, chop, diet, variety, portions, grow and meat, food hygiene.	Claw grip, food hygiene, classify, healthy, carbohydrates, protein, fats, dairy, oils, fibre, farmed, grown, caught, sourced and fair trade