

Design Technology Skills Progression

EYFS		Year I	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	
Expressive Arts	Developing,	Draw on their own	Generate ideas by	Generate ideas for	Generate ideas,	Generate ideas	Communicate their	
and Design	planning and	experience to help	drawing on their	an item, considering	considering the	through	ideas through	
	communicating	generate ideas	own and other	its purpose and the	purposes for which	brainstorming and	detailed labelled	
ELG:	ideas.		people's	user/s	they are designing	identify a purpose	drawings	
		Suggest ideas and	Experiences			for their product		
Creating with		explain what they		Identify a purpose	Make labelled		Develop a design	
Materials		are going to do	Develop their	and establish	drawings from	Draw up a	specification	
			design ideas	criteria for a	different views	specification for		
Children at the		Identify a target	through discussion,	successful product.	showing specific	their design	Explore, develop	
expected level of		group for what	observation,		features		and	
development		they intend to	drawing and	Plan the order of		Develop a clear idea	communicate	
will:		design	modelling	their work before	Develop a clear	of what has to be	aspects of their	
		and make		starting	idea of what has to	done, planning how	design proposals by	
- Safely use and			Identify a purpose		be done, planning	to use materials,	modelling their	
explore a variety		Model their ideas	for what they	Explore, develop	how	equipment and	ideas in a variety of	
of materials,			intend to design	and	to use materials,	processes, and	ways	
tools and		Change their	and make	communicate	equipment and	suggesting		
techniques,		design ideas		design	processes, and	alternative methods	Plan the order of	
experimenting		applying findings	Identify simple	proposals by	suggesting	of making if the first	their work,	
with colour,		from their	design criteria	modelling ideas	alternative	attempts fail	choosing	
design, texture,		earlier research			methods of making,		appropriate	
form and			Use simple	Make drawings with	if the first attempts	Use results of	materials, tools and	
function;			drawings and label	labels when	fail	investigations,	techniques	
			parts	designing		information		
- Share their					Evaluate products	sources, including		
creations,					and identify criteria			
explaining the					that can be used	ICT when		
process they					for	developing design		
have used;					their own designs	ideas		
	Mankin - with	See Computing						
	Working with	Make their design	Begin to select	Select tools and	Select appropriate	Select appropriate	Select appropriate	
	tools,	using appropriate	tools and materials;	techniques for	tools and	materials,	tools, materials,	
	equipment,	techniques	use vocab' to name	making their	techniques for	tools and	components and	
	materials and		and describe them	product	making their	techniques	techniques	

	components to	With help	[product	[
	components to make quality	measure, mark out,	Measure and cut	Measure, mark out,	product	Measure and mark	Assemble
		cut and shape a		cut and assemble	Measure, mark out,		
	products (inc-	range of materials	with some accuracy		cut and	out accurately	components make working models
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		Use tools e.g.		with more accuracy	shape a range of	Use skills in using different tools	Llas to als safely and
		scissors and a hole	safely and	Work safely and	materials, using		Use tools safely and
		punch safely	appropriately	accurately with a range of simple	appropriate tools, equipment and	and equipment safely and	accurately
		Assemble, join and	Assemble, join and	tools	techniques	accurately	Construct products
		combine materials	combine materials				using permanent
		and components	in order to make a	Think about their	Join and combine	Weigh and measure	joining techniques
		together using a	product	ideas as they make	materials and	accurately (time,	
		variety of		progress and be	components	dry ingredients,	Make modifications
		temporary	Cut, shape and join	willing to change	accurately in	liquids)	as they go along
		methods e.g. glues	fabric to make a	things if this helps	temporary and		
		or masking tape	product – weaving	them improve their	permanent ways	Apply the rules for	Pin, sew and stitch
			in Art and Design	work		basic food hygiene	materials together
		Select and use			Measure, tape or	and other safe	create a product
		appropriate fruit	Follow safe	Measure, tape or	pin, cut and join	practices e.g.	
		and vegetables,	procedures for	pin, cut and join	fabric with some	hazards relating	Achieve a quality
		processes and	food safety and	fabric with some	accuracy.	to the use of ovens	product
		tools	hygiene	accuracy			
						Cut and join with	
		Use basic food	Choose and use	Use a basic sewing		accuracy to ensure	
		handling, hygienic	appropriate	technique		a good-quality finish	
		practices and	finishing techniques			to the product	
		personal hygiene		Demonstrate			
				hygienic food			
				preparation and			
				storage			
				Use finishing			
				techniques			
				strengthen and			
				improve the			
				appearance of their			
				product using a			
				range of equipment			
				including ICT			

	See Art and Design -	See Art and Design – Weaving		See Art and Design – Sewing			
Evaluati	ng Evaluate their	Evaluate against a	Evaluate their	Evaluate their work	Evaluate a product	Evaluate their	
processe	es and product by	simple design	product against	both during and at	against the original	products, identifying	
products	s discussing how well	criteria	original design	the end of the	design specification	strengths and areas	
	it works in relation		criteria e.g. how	assignment	using appropriate	for development,	
	to the purpose	Evaluate their	well it meets its		tests	and carrying out	
		products as they	intended purpose	Evaluate their		appropriate tests to	
	Evaluate their	are developed,		products carrying	Evaluate it	inform a new design	
	products as they	identifying	Disassemble and	out appropriate	personally and seek		
	are developed,	strengths and	evaluate existing	tests	evaluation from	Record their	
	identifying	possible changes	and familiar		others	evaluations using	
	strengths and possible changes	they might make	products and use this to inform their			drawings with labels	
	they might make	Talk about their	product design			Evaluate against	
		ideas, saying what				their original	
	Explain likes and	they like and dislike				criteria and suggest	
	dislikes of existing	about them				ways that their	
	products					product could be	
		Evaluate existing				improved	
		products					

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Design Technology Knowledge Progression

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	To know how to use	To know how to	To know what an	To be able to	To know which	To know which
	research to design a	sketch a design	audience is when	generate ideas and	tools to use for	tools to use for
	product	To know what	designing a product	write the purposes	specific products	specific products
		purpose means	To know how to	for my designs	using research to	with support
	To know how to cut	To know how to	plan the order l	To know that	clarify	To understand and
	a straight or curved	identify the purpose	need to work in	making labelled	To apply their	use mechanical
	line	of my product	To know some	drawings from	understanding of	systems in their
		To explain what	design ideas	different views,	how to strengthen,	products e.g. gears,
	To know how to	materials will be	To communicate	sharing specific	stiffen and reinforce	pulleys, cams, levers
	join two pieces of	most efficient for	design proposals by	features and details	more complex	and linkage
	card	what I am going to	modelling ideas	are part of the	structures	To understand how
		make	To know how to	planning process	To understand and	key events and
	To know ways to	To know how to	make detailed	To know how to	use electrical	individuals in DT
	strength their	test and evaluate a	drawings with labels	plan how to make	systems in their	have helped shaped
	product	range of resources	To explain what a	the item of	products e.g. series	the world
		and make possible	healthy balance diet	clothing using	circuits	To know how
	To explain if my	changes	is	equipment and	incorporating	carrying out
	product is useful	To know the	To know that	process details	switches, bulbs,	research, using
		correct vocabulary	everyone should eat	To have an	buzzers and	surveys, interviews,
	To know how to use	for the tools and	5 portions of fruit	awareness of	monitors	questionnaires and
	resources /	materials I am going	and vegetables a day	alternative	To apply their	web-based
	equipment	to use to make my	To know which	methods	understanding of	resources can be
	appropriately	product	foods are in the	To know how to	computing to	used to create
		To know how to	main food groups	evaluate products	program, monitor	products and how
	To explain what	join fabric with glue	To demonstrate	and identify criteria	and control their	to use this research
	went well when	and how to strength	simple food hygiene	that can be used	products	to target a specific
	designing my	it	preparation	for own design	To know the	group of people.
	product and after I	To know what a	To use ICT to	To know the	materials and	To identify the
	have made it	design criteria is	design a box and	appropriate tools	components	needs, wants,
		To know simple	label for my product	and techniques to	needed for a	preferences and
	To explain my plan	food safety	To create an advert	make my product	product, including	values of particular
	and list the	procedures	for my product using	To know how to	construction	individuals and
	resources I need	To know all food	ICT	measure, mark	materials, textiles,	groups. To know
		comes from plants	To know why	out, cut and shape	according to their	how to develop a
	To say who my	or animals	evaluating my	a range of	functional	simple design
	product is for	To know that food	product is important	materials, tools	properties and	specification to
		must be farmed,	To know how to	and a range od	aesthetic qualities	guide their thinking

To know how simple mechanisms in their products move such as levers, sliders, wheels and axles To explain how freestanding structures can be made stronger, stiffer and more stable. To know the correct technical vocabulary for the projects they are undertaking. To explain how to prepare simple the dishes they have planned. To explain some simple hygiene rules when preparing food.	grown elsewhere (e.g. home) or caught. To name and sort foods into groups they are going to use. To explain how to prepare simple the dishes they have planned safely and hygienically. To know how to use techniques such as cutting. To know the correct technical vocabulary for the projects they are undertaking.	compare different products and evaluate based on taste and appearance To recall the main order of making products To be able to talk about the designing cycle	techniques To know how to join and combine materials in temporary and permanent ways To name a range stitches in my product To know how to evaluate my product against a design criteria To know how to evaluate during and at the end To know how to plan and carry out appropriate tests to evaluate my product	To use research and develop design criteria to inform the design of innovative, functional, appealing products that are fit for purpose, aimed at particular individuals and groups	
See Computing and Art and Design – Weaving		See Computing and Art and Design – Sewing			

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