



Design and Technology – Progression of Knowledge, Skill and Understanding					
DESIGN					
	Key Stage 1	Curriculum	Lower Key Stage 2	Upper Key Stage 2	Curriculum
Understanding	Work within a range of	Design	Describe the purpose of their	Explain how each part of their	Use research and
contexts, users	contexts (e.g. home, school,	purposeful,	products.	product works to contribute to the	develop design
and purposes	garden).	functional,	Identify how their products	overall function of the product	criteria to inform the
	State what products they are	appealing	appeal to the intended audience.	Carry out research, using surveys,	design of innovative,
	making, who their product is	products for	Explain how a specific part of	interviews and questionnaires to	functional, appealing
	for and the purpose of their	themselves and	their product works.	identify the needs, wants,	products that are fit
	product.	other users based	Gather information about the	preferences and values of particular	for purpose, aimed
	Say how their product will	on design criteria	needs and wants of particular	individuals and groups	at particular
	work.		individuals and groups.	Develop a simple design	individuals or groups
	Say how their product is		Develop their own design criteria	specification to guide their thinking	
	suitable for their intended		and use these to form their own		
	users.		ideas.		
	Use simple design criteria to				
	help develop their ideas.				
Generating,	Generate ideas by drawing on	Generate,	Share ideas through discussion.	Clarify ideas through discussion.	Generate, develop,
developing,	their own experiences and	develop, model	Begin to model ideas using	Model ideas using prototypes and	model and
modelling and	knowledge of existing	and communicate	prototypes and pattern pieces.	pattern pieces.	communicate their
communicating	products.	their ideas	Use annotated sketches to	Use annotated sketches including	ideas through
ideas	Model ideas by exploring	through talking,	develop and communicate their	cross-sectional drawings and	discussion,
	materials, components and	drawing,	ideas.	exploded diagrams to develop and	annotated sketches,
	making templates.	templates, mock-	Generate realistic ideas, focusing	communicate ideas.	cross-sectional and
	Use IT where appropriate, to	ups and, where	on the needs of the user.	Generate innovative ideas, focusing	exploded diagrams,
	develop and communicate	appropriate,		on the needs of the user.	prototypes, pattern
	their ideas.	information and		Make design decisions that take in to	pieces and
		communication		account constraints such as time,	computer-aided
		technology		resources and cost.	design.
				Use CAD to develop and	
				communicate ideas.	

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MAKE						
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Planning	Plan by suggesting what to do	Select from and	Select tools, equipment and	Select and explain their choice of	Select from and use	
	next.	use a range of	materials that are suitable for the	tools and equipment in relation to	a wider range of	
	Select from a range of tools,	tools and	task.	the skills and techniques that they	tools and equipment	
	materials and components	equipment to	Explain choice of materials	will be using.	to perform practical	
	according to their	perform practical	according to functional	Explain choice of components	tasks accurately e.g.	
	characteristics.	tasks e.g. cutting,	properties and aesthetic	according to functional properties	cutting, shaping,	
		shaping, joining	qualities.	and aesthetic qualities.	joining and finishing.	
		and finishing]				
Practical skills	Follow procedures for safety	Select from and	Order the main stages of making.	Formulate step-by-step plans as a	Select from and use	
and techniques	Use a range of materials and	use a wide range	Use a wider range of materials	guide to making.	a wider range of	
	components.	of materials and	and components than KS1,	Accurately measure, mark out, cut	materials and	
	Measure, mark out, cut and	components,	including construction materials	and shape materials and	components,	
	shape materials and	including	and kits, textiles, food	components.	including	
	components.	construction	ingredients, mechanical	Accurately apply a range of finishing	construction	
	Assemble, join and combine	materials, textiles	components and electrical	techniques, including those from art	materials, textiles	
	materials and components	and ingredients,	components.	and design.	and ingredients,	
	Use finishing techniques.	according to their	Measure, mark out, cut and	Use techniques that involve a	according to their	
		characteristics	shape materials and components	number of steps.	functional properties	
			with some accuracy.	Demonstrate resourcefulness when	and aesthetic	
			Assemble, join and combine	tackling practical problems.	qualities.	
			materials and components with			
			some accuracy.			
			Apply a range of finishing			
			techniques, including those from			
			art and design, with some			
			accuracy.			

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EVALUATE						
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Own ideas and	Talk about design ideas and	Evaluate their	Identify strengths and areas for	Consider the views of others,	Evaluate their ideas	
products	what they are making.	ideas and	development in their ideas and products.	including intended users, to	and products against	
	Make simple judgements	products against	Refer to their design criteria as they	improve their work	their own design	
	about their products and	design criteria.	design and make.	Critically evaluate the quality	criteria and consider	
	ideas against the design		Use their design criteria to evaluate their	of the design, manufacture	the views of others	
	criteria.		completed products.	and fitness for purpose of	to improve their	
	Suggest how products could			their products as they design	work.	
	be improved.			and make		
				Evaluate their ideas and		
			Investigate and analyse:	products against their	Investigate and	
			How well products have been designed	original design specification	analyse a range of	
	Pupils should explore:	Explore and	and made.		existing products.	
	What products are.	evaluate a range	Why materials have been chosen.	Investigate and analyse:		
	Who products are for.	of existing	What methods of constructions have	How much products cost to		
	How products work.	products.	been used.	make		
	How products are used.		How well products work, achieve their	How innovative products		
	Where products might be		purposes and meet their user needs and	are.		
	used.		wants.	How sustainable the		
	What materials are made			materials in the products		
	from.		Investigate and analyse:	are.		
	What they like and dislike		who designed and made the products.	What impact products have		
	about products.		Where and when products were	beyond their intended		
			designed and made.	purpose		
	Know about some of the		Whether products can be recycled or			
	significant individuals in the		reused.			
	field of design		Kasu abaut inventore designers			
			Know about inventors, designers,			
			engineers and manufacturers who have			
			developed ground-breaking products.			

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Technical Knowledge						
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Making Products	Know about the movement of	Build structures,	Use learning from science and	Know that electrical systems	Apply their	
Work	simple mechanisms and	exploring how	mathematics to help design and make	have and input, process and	understanding of	
	wheels (Y1).	they can be made	products that work.	output.	how to strengthen,	
	Know how freestanding	stronger, stiffer	Know that materials have both functional	Know the correct technical	stiffen and reinforce	
	structures can be made	and more stable	and aesthetic qualities.	vocabulary for the projects	more complex	
	stronger, stiffer and more	Explore and use	Know that mechanical systems have and	that they are undertaking.	structures.	
	stable (Y2).	mechanisms in	input, process and output.	Know how mechanical	Understand and use	
	Know that two identical fabric	their products e.g.	Know the correct technical vocabulary	systems such as cams can	mechanical systems	
	shapes can be assembled to	levers, sliders,	for the projects that they are	create movement.	in their products e.g.	
	make a 3D product.	wheels and axles,	undertaking.	Know how electrical circuits	gears, pulleys, cams,	
	Understand the correct		Know how mechanical systems such as	and components can be used	levers and linkages.	
	technical vocabulary for the		pneumatic systems create movement.	to create functional	Understand and use	
	projects that they are		Know how to make strong, stiff shell	products.	electrical systems in	
	undertaking.		structures (Y3).	Know how to programme a	their products e.g.	
			Know that a single fabric shape can make	computer to monitor	series circuits	
			a 3D textiles product (Y4).	changes in the environment	incorporating	
				and control their products.	switches, bulbs,	
				Know how to reinforce and	buzzers and motors.	
				strengthen a 3D framework.	Apply their	
				Know that a 3D textiles	understanding of	
				product can be made from a	computing to	
				combination of fabric	program, monitor	
				shapes.	and control their	
					products.	

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Cooking and Nutrition						
	Key Stage 1	Curriculum	Lower Key Stage 2	Upper Key Stage 2	Curriculum	
Where food	Children know that all food	Understand	Children know that food is grown, reared	Children know that seasons	Understand	
comes from	comes from plants or	where food	and caught in the UK, Europe and the	may affect the food	seasonality and	
	animals.	comes from.	wider world.	available.	know where and	
	Children know that food has			Children know how food is	how a variety of	
	to be grown, farmed or			processed into ingredients	ingredients are	
	caught.			that can be eaten or used in	grown, reared,	
				cooking.	caught and	
					processed	
Food	Children know how to	Use the basic	Children know how to prepare and cook		Understand and	
preparation,	prepare simple dishes safely	principles of a	a variety of dishes safely and hygienically	Children know how to	apply the principles	
cooking and	and hygienically, without	healthy and	Children know how to use a range of	prepare and cook a variety	of a healthy and	
nutrition	using a heat source.	varied diet	techniques such as peeling, chopping,	of dishes safely and	varied diet	
	Children know how to use		slicing, grating, mixing, spreading	hygienically including, where	Prepare and cook a	
	simple food preparation		Children know that a healthy diet is	appropriate, the use of a	variety of	
	techniques: cutting, peeling,		made up from a variety and balance of	heat source	predominantly	
	grating.		different foods and drinks (depicted in	Children know that recipes	savoury dishes using	
	Children can name the 5 good		the Eatwell Guide)	can be adapted to change	a range of cooking	
	groups in the Eatwell Guide.		Children know that to be active and	the appearance, taste,	techniques	
	Children know that		healthy, food and drink are needed to	texture and aroma		
	everybody should eat at least		provide energy for the body	Children know that different		
	five portions of fruit and			food and drink contain		
	vegetables every day.			different substances –		
				nutrients, water and fibre –		
				that are needed for health		