

Progression of Skills in Design & Technology



	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Designing	Develop their own ideas with regards to what to make Begin to draw on their own experience to generate ideas Explain how to make something Creating a simple plan	Thinking of an initial idea and planning what to do next Beginning to evaluate existing products Starting to generate ideas by drawing on their own and other's experiences Identify the purpose of what they are designing Begin to label the parts on a design	Creating a design that meets a set criteria Generate ideas for an item considering its purposes and the users Order the main stages of making a product Understand whether products can be recycled or reused Confidently use labels for diagrams when designing	Using ideas from others when designing Producing an independent plan and explaining to someone else Confidently make labelled designs showing specific features Plan with a consideration for materials and components	Collecting information from a range of sources to support ideas Producing a detailed step-by- step plan Suggesting alternative plans Explaining how a product will appeal to a specific audience Communicate ideas through annotated sketches and detailed diagrams Use research and design criteria to inform the design Start to understand how much products cost to make as well as how sustainable and innovative they are	Using market research to inform plans and ideas Following and refining plans Justifying plans in a convincing way Draw up a clear specification for their design Plan the order of their work, choosing appropriate materials, tools and techniques Identify the strengths and areas for development within their ideas and designs Know how much products cost to make and how to make them more sustainable





	Make a product	Choosing specific	Following a step-	Select a wider	Using a range of	Working within a
	which moves	materials	by-step plan and choosing	range of tools and techniques for	tools and equipment	budget
	Beginning to choose appropriate	Joining materials in different ways	appropriate equipment and	making a product safely	competently	Use tools safely and accurately
	resources and tools		materials		Creating a	
	Begin to make	Measure, cut and score with some	Explain their choice	Measuring accurately, cut and	prototype before a final version	Assemble components to
	structures exploring	accuracy	of tools and	shape a range of		make working
	how them can be		equipment in	materials using	Select appropriate	models
	made stronger,	Use hand tools	relation to the skills	appropriate tools,	materials, tools and	
	stiffer and more stable	safely and	and techniques	equipment and	techniques for	Make modifications
	Stable	appropriately	they will be using	techniques	cutting, shaping, joining and finishing	as you go along when something is
	Begin to measure,	Assemble, join and	Making a product	Persevering and	accurately	not working
Making	mark out, cut and	combine materials	from independent	adapting work		
	shape a range of materials	in order to make a product	design	when original ideas don't work	Understand how systems such as	Construct products using permanent
	materials		Measure, mark out,		cams, pulleys or	joining techniques
	Begin to assemble,		cut, score and	Begin to	gears create	
	join and combine		assemble	understand how	movement	Know how more
	materials and components		components with more accuracy	mechanical systems, levers and	Understand how	complex electrical components and
	together in different		more accuracy	linkages work	electrical systems	circuits work
	ways		Measure, tape or		work	
			pin, cut and join			Know how to
	Begin to use simple		materials with		Measure and mark	reinforce and
	finishing techniques to improve the		accuracy		out accurately and independently	strengthen a 3D framework
	appearance of a					
	product					





Evaluating	Making improvements to a completed project When looking at a completed product begin to explain what they like and dislike about it Identify possible changes they could make to a product	Explaining what went well Explaining why specific textiles were chosen Evaluate work against an original design Look at a range of existing products and explain what they like and dislike about products Talk confidently about ideas and what they like or dislike about them	Start to evaluate their product against original design criteria – does it meet the intended purpose? Evaluate familiar products and consider how to improve them	Evaluating existing products for their purpose and appearance Begin to evaluate their work both during and at the end of a project Evaluating and suggesting improvements of designs before starting the making process Explaining how a design has been improved	Evaluating appearance and function against original criteria Evaluate personally but also seek evaluation from peers Evaluate a product against the original design specification – carrying out testing where necessary	Testing and evaluating products Evaluate products against clear criteria Record evaluations using drawings with labels Evaluate against original criteria – clearly suggesting how products could be improved
Cooking and nutrition	Following a simple recipe with an adult Beginning to talk about where food comes from Mixing together different ingredients	Describing the ingredients being used in a recipe Cutting food safely Understanding where food comes from Understanding the principles of a healthy and varied diet	Working in a group to follow a recipe Preparing and cooking a savoury dish with an adult Start to know that food is grown, reared and caught in the UK, Europe and the wider world	Knowing how to be hygienic and safe using food Following a recipe without the support of an adult Understanding where foods come from	Showing skills of hygiene and safety in the kitchen Producing a range of dishes using different cooking techniques Knowing where and how food is grown	Understanding and applying the principles of a healthy and varied diet Preparing and cooking a range of savoury dishes using different techniques





Begin to learn some cooking techniques such as cutting, peeling and grating	Understand how to prepare and cook a variety of different dishes safely and hygienically	Knowing what makes a balanced and healthy diet Knowing the different food groups and why we require each sort of food	Understanding how animals are reared and processed for food Know how to use a range of techniques such as peeling, chopping, slicing, grating, mixing,	Understanding seasonality and knowing where and how a variety of ingredients are grown
		food	chopping, slicing, grating, mixing, spreading, kneading and baking	