

Curriculum Progression: Design and Technology

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
Everyday	Explore and evaluate a range of	Explore and evaluate a range of	Investigate and analyse a range	Investigate and analyse a range
products	existing products	existing products	of existing products	of existing products
Staying Safe		Know about personal hygiene		
		and germs including bacteria,		
		viruses, how they are spread		
		and treated, and the		
		importance of handwashing.		
Electricity			Understand and use electrical	
			systems in their products (for	
			example, series circuits	
			incorporating switches, bulbs,	
			buzzers and motors).	
Mechanisms	Explore and use mechanisms		Understand and use	Understand and use
and Movement	(for example, levers, sliders,		mechanical systems in their	mechanical systems in their
	wheels and axles), in their		products (for example, gears,	products (for example, gears,
	products.		pulleys, cams, levers and	pulleys, cams, levers and
			linkages).	linkages).
Creativity	Design purposeful, functional,	Design purposeful, functional,	Use research and develop	Use research and develop
Generation of	appealing products for	appealing products for	design criteria to inform the	design criteria to inform the
Ideas	themselves and other users	themselves and other users	design of innovative,	design of innovative,
	based on design criteria.	based on design criteria.	functional, appealing products	functional, appealing products
	Generate, develop, model and	Generate, develop, model and	that are fit for purpose, aimed	that are fit for purpose, aimed
	communicate their ideas	communicate their ideas	at particular individuals or	at particular individuals or
	through talking, drawing,	through talking, drawing,	groups.	groups.
	templates, mock-ups and,	templates, mock-ups and,	Generate, develop, model and	Generate, develop, model and
	where appropriate,	where appropriate,	communicate their ideas	communicate their ideas
	information and	information and	through discussion, annotated	through discussion, annotated
	communication technology.	communication technology.	sketches, cross-sectional and	sketches, cross-sectional and
			exploded diagrams, prototypes,	exploded diagrams, prototypes,
				pattern pieces and computer-



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			pattern pieces and computeraided design.	aided design.
Use of ICT				Apply their understanding of computing to program, monitor and control their products
Structures	Build structures, exploring how they can be made stronger, stiffer and more stable.	Build structures, exploring how they can be made stronger, stiffer and more stable.		Apply their understanding of how to strengthen, stiffen and reinforce more complex structures
Investigation		Select from and use a range of tools and equipment to perform practical tasks (for example, cutting, shaping, joining and finishing).	Select from and use a wider range of tools and equipment to perform practical tasks (for example, cutting, shaping, joining and finishing), accurately.	
Evaluation	Evaluate their ideas and products against design criteria.	Evaluate their ideas and products against design criteria.	Evaluate their ideas and products against their own design criteria and consider the views of others to improve their work.	Evaluate their ideas and products against their own design criteria and consider the views of others to improve their work.
Materials for purpose	Select from and use a wide range of materials and components, including construction materials, textiles and ingredients, according to their characteristics.	Select from and use a wide range of materials and components, including construction materials, textiles and ingredients, according to their characteristics.	Select from and use a wide range of materials and components, including construction materials, textiles and ingredients, according to their characteristics.	Select from and use a wide range of materials and components, including construction materials, textiles and ingredients, according to their characteristics.



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Food preparation and cooking	Use the basic principles of a healthy and varied diet to prepare dishes.	Select from and use a range of tools and equipment to perform practical tasks (for example, cutting, shaping, joining and finishing). Use the basic principles of a healthy and varied diet to prepare dishes.	Prepare and cook a variety of predominantly savoury dishes using a range of cooking techniques.	Prepare and cook a variety of predominantly savoury dishes using a range of cooking techniques.
Nutrition	Know what constitutes a healthy diet	Know what constitutes a healthy diet	Know what constitutes a healthy diet	Understand and apply the principles of a healthy and varied diet. Know what constitutes a healthy diet (including understanding calories and other nutritional content). Know the principles of planning and preparing a range of healthy meals.
Origins of food Link to RE HARVEST		Understand where food comes from.		Understand seasonality, and know where and how a variety of ingredients are grown, reared, caught and processed.
Compare and contrast	Explore and evaluate a range of existing products.	Explore and evaluate a range of existing products.	Understand how key events and individuals in design and technology have helped shape the world.	Investigate and analyse a range of existing products.
Significant people				Understand how key events and individuals in design and technology have helped shape the world.