

DT - Progression of skills and knowledge Design & Technology



Key Objectives	Stepping Stone 1	Stepping stone 2	Footstep 1	Footstep 2
	By the end of Nursery	By the End of Reception	By the End of Year One	By the end of Year Two

Design	Select and use activities and resources, with help when needed. This helps them to achieve a goal they have chosen, or one which is suggested to them. Develop their own ideas and then decide which materials to use to express them.	Explore, use and refine a variety of artistic effects to express their ideas and feelings. Return to and build on their previous learning, refining ideas and developing their ability to represent them. • Create collaboratively, sharing ideas, resources and skills. Offer explanations for why things might happen, making use of recently introduced vocabulary from stories, non-fiction, rhymes and poems	To design purposeful, functional and appealing products for themselves based on design criteria. To generate, develop and communicate their ideas through talking, drawing and templates.	To design purposeful, functional and appealing products for themselves and others based on design criteria. To generate, develop and communicate their ideas through talking, drawing, templates, mock-ups and, where appropriate, information and communication technology.
Make	Explore different materials freely, to develop their ideas about how to use them and what to make. Join different materials and explore different textures. Choose the right resources to carry out their own plan. For	Safely use and explore a variety of materials, tools and techniques, experimenting with colour, design, texture, form and function.	To select from and use a range of tools and equipment to perform practical tasks (cutting, shaping, joining, finishing). To select from and use a wide range of materials and components, including constructions materials, and ingredients according to their characteristics.	To select from and use a wide range of materials and components, including constructions materials, textiles and ingredients according to their characteristics.



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Evaluate Technical knowledge	example, choosing a spade to enlarge a small hole they dug with a trowel. Collaborate with others to manage large items, such as moving a long plank safely, carrying large hollow blocks. Understand 'why' questions, like: "Why do you think the caterpillar got so fat?" • Use one-handed tools and equipment, for example, making snips in paper with scissors.	Share their creations, explaining the process they have used. Articulate their ideas and thoughts in well-formed sentences. • Connect one idea or action to another using a range of connectives. • Describe events in some detail. Use talk to help work out problems and organise thinking and activities, and to explain how things work and why they might happen. Use a range of small tools, including scissors, paintbrushes and cutlery.	To explore (Year 1) and evaluate (Year 2) a range of existing products. To evaluate their ideas and products (Year 1). To build structures, exploring	To explore and evaluate a range of existing products. To evaluate their ideas and products against design criteria. To explore and use mechanisms
recimical knowledge			how they can be made stronger, stiffer and more stable.	(levers, sliders, wheels and axles) in their products.
Cooking and Nutrition	Make healthy choices about food, drink, activity and toothbrushing.	Develop their small motor skills so that they can use a range of tools competently, safely and confidently. Suggested tools: pencils for drawing and writing, paintbrushes, scissors, knives, forks and spoons	Use the basic principles of a healthy and varied diet to prepare dishes. Understand where food comes from.	Understand where food comes from.



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		Know and talk about the different factors that support their overall health and wellbeing: - regular physical activity - healthy eating - toothbrushing - sensible amounts of 'screen time' - having a good sleep routine - being a safe pedestrian		