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PROGRESSION IN DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY – SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE

Cooking and Nutrition

		Reception	Year 1	Year 2
		Soup	Smoothies	Picnic wraps
Skills	Design	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Designing a soup recipe as a class. Designing soup packaging. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Designing smoothie carton packaging by-hand. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Designing three wrap ideas based on a food combination which work well together.
	Make	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chopping plasticine safely. Chopping vegetables with support. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chopping fruit and vegetables safely to make a smoothie. Juicing fruits safely to make a smoothie. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chopping foods safely to make a wrap. Constructing a wrap that meets a design brief. Grating foods to make a wrap. Snipping smaller foods instead of cutting.
	Evaluate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tasting the soup and giving opinions. Describing some of the following when tasting food: look, feel, smell and taste. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tasting and evaluating different food combinations. Describing appearance, smell and taste. Suggesting information to be included on packaging. Comparing their own smoothie with someone else's. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Describing the taste, texture and smell of fruit and vegetables. Taste testing food combinations and final products. Describing the information that should be included on a label. Evaluating food by giving a score.
Knowledge		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To know that soup is ingredients (usually vegetables and liquid) blended together. To know that vegetables are grown. To recognise and name some common vegetables. To know that different vegetables taste different. To know that eating vegetables is good for us. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To know that a blender is a machine which mixes ingredients together into a smooth liquid. To know that a fruit has seeds. To know that fruits grow on trees or vines. To know that vegetables can grow either above or below ground. To know that vegetables are any edible part of a plant (e.g. roots: potatoes, leaves: lettuce, fruit: cucumber). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To know that 'diet' means the food and drink that a person or animal usually eats. To understand what makes a balanced diet. To know the five main food groups: fruits and vegetables, carbohydrates, protein, dairy and foods high in fat and sugar. To understand that I should eat a range of different foods from each food group, and roughly how much of each food group. To know that 'ingredients' means the items in a mixture or recipe.



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		Year 3	Year 4
		Eating Seasonally	Adapting a Recipe
Skills	Design	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Designing a recipe for a savoury tart.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Designing a biscuit within a given budget, drawing upon previous taste testing judgements.Designing packaging for a biscuit that targets a specific group.
	Make	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Following the instructions within a recipe.Tasting seasonal ingredients.Selecting seasonal ingredients.Peeling ingredients safely.Cutting safely with a vegetable knife.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Following a baking recipe, including the preparation of ingredients.Cooking safely, following basic hygiene rules.Adapting a recipe to meet the requirements of a target audience.Using a cuboid net to create packaging
	Evaluate	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Establishing and using design criteria to help test and review dishes.Describing the benefits of seasonal fruits and vegetables and the impact on the environment.Suggesting points for improvement when making a seasonal tart.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Evaluating a recipe, considering: taste, smell, texture and appearance.Describing the impact of the budget on the selection of ingredients.Evaluating and comparing a range of food products.Suggesting modifications to a recipe (e.g. This biscuit has too many raisins, and it is falling apart, so next time I will use less raisins).
Knowledge		<ul style="list-style-type: none">To know that not all fruits and vegetables can be grown in the UK.To know that climate affects food growth.To know that vegetables and fruit grow in certain seasons.To know that cooking instructions are known as a 'recipe'.To know that imported food is food which has been brought into the country.To know that exported food is food which has been sent to another country.To know that eating seasonal foods can have a positive impact on the environment.To know that similar coloured fruits and vegetables often have similar nutritional benefits.To know that the appearance of food is as important as taste.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">To know that the amount of an ingredient in a recipe is known as the 'quantity.'To know that safety and hygiene are important when cooking.To know the following cooking techniques: sieving, measuring, stirring, cutting out and shaping.To understand the importance of budgeting while planning ingredients for biscuits.To know that products often have a target audience.



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		Year 5	Year 6
		Developing a Recipe	Come Dine With Me
Skills	Design	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adapting a traditional recipe, understanding that the nutritional value of a recipe alters if you remove, substitute or add additional ingredients. Writing an amended method for a recipe to incorporate the relevant changes to ingredients. Designing appealing packaging to reflect a recipe. Researching existing recipes to inform ingredient choices. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Writing a recipe, explaining the key steps, method and ingredients. Including facts and drawings from research undertaken.
	Make	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cutting and preparing vegetables safely. Using equipment safely, including knives, hot pans and hobs. Knowing how to avoid cross-contamination. Following a step by step method carefully to make a recipe. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Following a recipe, including using the correct quantities of each ingredient. Adapting a recipe based on research. Working to a given timescale. Working safely and hygienically with independence.
	Evaluate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identifying the nutritional differences between different products and recipes. Identifying and describing healthy benefits of food groups 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evaluating a recipe, considering: taste, smell, texture and origin of the food group. Taste testing and scoring final products. Suggesting and writing up points of improvements when scoring others' dishes, and when evaluating their own throughout the planning, preparation and cooking process. Evaluating health and safety in production to minimise cross contamination
Knowledge		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To understand where meat comes from - learning that beef is from cattle and how beef is reared and processed. To know that recipes can be adapted to suit nutritional needs and dietary requirements. To know that I can use a nutritional calculator to see how healthy a food option is. To understand that 'cross-contamination' means bacteria and germs have been passed onto ready-to-eat foods and it happens when these foods mix with raw meat or unclean objects. To know that nutritional information is found on food packaging. To know that food packaging serves many purposes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To know that 'flavour' is how a food or drink tastes. To know that many countries have 'national dishes' which are recipes associated with that country. To know that 'processed food' means food that has been put through multiple changes in a factory. To understand that it is important to wash fruit and vegetables before eating to remove any dirt and insecticides. To understand what happens to a certain food before it appears on the supermarket shelf (Farm to Fork).



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Structures

		Reception	Year 1
		Junk Modelling	Making a Windmill
Skills	Design	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Making verbal plans and material choices.• Developing a junk model.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Learning the importance of a clear design criteria.• Including individual preferences and requirements in a design.
	Make	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Improving fine motor/scissor skills with a variety of materials.• Joining materials in a variety of ways (temporary and permanent).• Joining different materials together.• Describing their junk model, and how they intend to put it together.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Making stable structures from card.• Following instructions to cut and assemble the supporting structure of a windmill.• Making functioning turbines and axles which are assembled into a main supporting structure.• Finding the middle of an object.• Adding weight to structures.• Creating supporting structures.• Cutting evenly and carefully.
	Evaluate	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Giving a verbal evaluation of their own and others' junk models with adult support.• Checking to see if their model matches their plan.• Considering what they would do differently if they were to do it again.• Describing their favourite and least favourite part of their model.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Evaluating a windmill according to the design criteria, testing whether the structure is strong and stable and altering it if it isn't.• Suggest points for improvements.
Knowledge		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To know there are a range to different materials that can be used to make a model and that they are all slightly different.• Making simple suggestions to fix their junk model.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To understand that axles are used in structures and mechanisms to make parts turn in a circle.• To begin to understand that different structures are used for different purposes.• To know that a structure is something that has been made and put together.• To know that the sails or blades of a windmill are moved by the wind.• To know that a structure is something built for a reason.• To know that adding weight to the base of a structure can make it more stable.



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		Year 3	Year 5
		Constructing a Castle	Bridges
Skills	Design	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Designing a castle with key features to appeal to a specific person/purpose.Drawing and labelling a castle design using 2D shapes, labelling: the 3D shapes that will create the features - materials needed and colours.Designing and/or decorating a castle tower on CAD software.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Designing a stable structure that is able to support weight.Creating a frame structure with a focus on triangulation.
	Make	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Constructing a range of 3D geometric shapes using nets.Creating special features for individual designs.Making facades from a range of recycled materials.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Making a range of different shaped beam bridges.Using triangles to create truss bridges that span a given distance and support a load.Building a wooden bridge structure.Independently measuring and marking wood accurately.Selecting appropriate tools and equipment for particular tasks.Using the correct techniques to saw safely.Identifying where a structure needs reinforcement and using card corners for support.Explaining why selecting appropriating materials is an important part of the design process.Understanding basic wood functional properties.
	Evaluate	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Evaluating own work and the work of others based on the aesthetic of the finished product and in comparison to the original design.Suggesting points for modification of the individual designs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Adapting and improving own bridge structure by identifying points of weakness and reinforcing them as necessary.Suggesting points for improvements for own bridges and those designed by others.
Knowledge		<ul style="list-style-type: none">To understand that wide and flat based objects are more stable.To understand the importance of strength and stiffness in structures.To know the following features of a castle: flags, towers, battlements, turrets, curtain walls, moat, drawbridge and gatehouse - and their purpose.To know that a façade is the front of a structure.To understand that a castle needed to be strong and stable to withstand enemy attack.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">To understand some different ways to reinforce structures.To understand how triangles can be used to reinforce bridges.To know that properties are words that describe the form and function of materials.To understand why material selection is important based on properties.To understand the difference between arch, beam, truss and suspension bridges.To understand how to carry and use a saw safely.



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Mechanisms / Mechanical Systems

		Year 1	Year 2
		Making a Moving Storybook	Making a Moving Monster
Skills	Design	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Explaining how to adapt mechanisms, using bridges or guides to control the movement.Designing a moving story book for a given audience.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Creating a class design criteria for a moving monster.Designing a moving monster for a specific audience in accordance with a design criteria.
	Make	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Following a design to create moving models that use levers and sliders.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Making linkages using card for levers and split pins for pivots.Experimenting with linkages adjusting the widths, lengths and thicknesses of card used.Cutting and assembling components neatly.
	Evaluate	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Testing a finished product, seeing whether it moves as planned and if not, explaining why and how it can be fixed.Reviewing the success of a product by testing it with its intended audience.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Evaluating own designs against design criteria.Using peer feedback to modify a final design.
Knowledge		<ul style="list-style-type: none">To know that a mechanism is the parts of an object that move together.To know that a slider mechanism moves an object from side to side.To know that a slider mechanism has a slider, slots , guides and an object.To know that bridges and guides are bits of card that purposefully restrict the movement of the slider.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">To know that mechanisms are a collection of moving parts that work together as a machine to produce movement.To know that there is always an input and output in a mechanism.To know that an input is the energy that is used to start something working.To know that an output is the movement that happens as a result of the input.To know that a lever is something that turns on a pivot.To know that a linkage mechanism is made up of a series of levers.To know some real-life objects that contain mechanisms.



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		Year 3	Year 5
		Pneumatic Toys	Gears and Pulleys
Skills	Design	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Designing a toy which uses a pneumatic system.• Developing design criteria from a design brief.• Generating ideas using thumbnail sketches and exploded diagrams.• Learning that different types of drawings are used in design to explain ideas clearly.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Noticing wider-reaching problems or needs in the community.• Identifying a wide range of needs and potential barriers through market research.• Creating more complex design criteria that require considering detailed user needs, environmental impact, materials and cost.• Coming up with a broader range of ideas and deeper innovation, requiring pupils to think critically about their ideas' practicality and originality.• Beginning to use more complex annotated sketches, such as cross-sectional and exploded diagrams and pattern pieces in design.• Using a series of prototypes to refine and improve their designs.
	Make	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Creating a pneumatic system to create a desired motion.• Building secure housing for a pneumatic system.• Using syringes and balloons to create different types of pneumatic systems to make a functional and appealing pneumatic toy.• Selecting materials due to their functional and aesthetic characteristics.• Manipulating materials to create different effects by cutting, creasing, folding and weaving.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Consistently apply safety instructions.• Cutting patterns and drawings accurately.• In supervised groups, using hot glue guns safely.• Recognising that hot glue is useful for joining materials that need a strong bond that sets quickly.• Choosing PVA glue over hot glue for its safety when joining materials in less intensive projects.
	Evaluate	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Using the views of others to improve designs.• Testing and modifying the outcome, suggesting improvements.• Understanding the purpose of exploded-diagrams through the eyes of a designer and their client.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reflecting on the usability, aesthetics, innovation and sustainability of products and discussing how design choices impact these aspects.• Assessing their designs against a more complex set of design criteria that includes functionality, aesthetics, user experience, sustainability and cost.• Considering alternative materials, tools or techniques that could enhance the product.• Providing feedback that is helpful, specific, and encouraging.



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			<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Incorporating feedback from peers or users improve their product further, explaining the changes they made and the impact they had.
Knowledge	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To understand how pneumatic systems work.• To understand that pneumatic systems can be used as part of a mechanism.• To know that pneumatic systems operate by drawing in, releasing and compressing air.• To understand how sketches, drawings and diagrams can be used to communicate design ideas.• To know that exploded-diagrams are used to show how different parts of a product fit together.		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• That mechanical systems that use gears in everyday objects (eg bicycle, clock).• That gears and pulleys allow us to transfer movement and force from one part of a mechanical system to another.• That gears allow us to increase the output of a mechanism.



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Textiles			
		Reception	Year 2
		Bookmarks	Pouches
Skills	Design	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Discussing what a good design needs.Designing a simple pattern with paper.Designing a bookmark.Choosing from available materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Designing a pouch.
	Make	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Developing fine motor/cutting skills with scissors.Exploring fine motor/threading and weaving (under, over technique) with a variety of materials.Using a prepared needle and wool to practise threading.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Selecting and cutting fabrics for sewing.Decorating a pouch using fabric glue or running stitch.Threading a needle.Sewing running stitch, with evenly spaced, neat, even stitches to join fabric.Neatly pinning and cutting fabric using a template.
	Evaluate	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Reflecting on a finished product and comparing to their design.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Troubleshooting scenarios posed by teacher.Evaluating the quality of the stitching on others' work.Discussing as a class, the success of their stitching against the success criteria.Identifying aspects of their peers' work that they particularly like and why.
Knowledge		<ul style="list-style-type: none">To know that a design is a way of planning our idea before we start.To know that threading is putting one material through an object.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">To know that sewing is a method of joining fabric.To know that different stitches can be used when sewing.To understand the importance of tying a knot after sewing the final stitch.To know that a thimble can be used to protect my fingers when sewing.



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		Year 4	Year 6
		Story Book Cover	Waistcoats
Skills	Design	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Writing design criteria for a product, articulating decisions made.• Designing a personalised book sleeve.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Designing a waistcoat in accordance to a specification linked to set of design criteria.• Annotating designs, to explain their decisions.
	Make	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Making and testing a paper template with accuracy and in keeping with the design criteria.• Measuring, marking and cutting fabric using a paper template.• Selecting a stitch style to join fabric.• Working neatly by sewing small, straight stitches.• Incorporating a fastening to a design.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Using a template when cutting fabric to ensure they achieve the correct shape.• Using pins effectively to secure a template to fabric without creases or bulges.• Marking and cutting fabric accurately, in accordance with their design.• Sewing a strong running stitch, making small, neat stitches and following the edge.• Tying strong knots.• Decorating a waistcoat, attaching features (such as appliqué) using thread.• Finishing the waistcoat with a secure fastening (such as buttons).• Learning different decorative stitches.• Sewing accurately with evenly spaced, neat stitches.
	Evaluate	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Testing and evaluating an end product against the original design criteria.• Deciding how many of the criteria should be met for the product to be considered successful.• Suggesting modifications for improvement.• Articulating the advantages and disadvantages of different fastening types.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reflecting on their work continually throughout the design, make and evaluate process.
Knowledge		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To know that a fastening is something which holds two pieces of material together for example a zipper, toggle, button, press stud and velcro.• To know that different fastening types are useful for different purposes.• To know that creating a mock up (prototype) of their design is useful for checking ideas and proportions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To understand that it is important to design clothing with the client/ target customer in mind.• To know that using a template (or clothing pattern) helps to accurately mark out a design on fabric.• To understand the importance of consistently sized stitches.



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Electrical Systems

		Year 4	Year 6
		Torches	Steady Hand Game
Skills	Design	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Designing a torch, giving consideration to the target audience and creating both design and success criteria focusing on features of individual design ideas. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Designing a steady hand game - identifying and naming the components required. Drawing a design from three different perspectives. Generating ideas through sketching and discussion. Modelling ideas through prototypes. Understanding the purpose of products (toys), including what is meant by 'fit for purpose' and 'form over function'.
	Make	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Making a torch with a working electrical circuit and switch. Using appropriate equipment to cut and attach materials. Assembling a torch according to the design and success criteria. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Constructing a stable base for a game. Accurately cutting, folding and assembling a net. Decorating the base of the game to a high quality finish. Making and testing a circuit. Incorporating a circuit into a base.
	Evaluate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evaluating electrical products. Testing and evaluating the success of a final product. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Testing own and others finished games, identifying what went well and making suggestions for improvement. Gathering images and information about existing children's toys. Analysing a selection of existing children's toys.
Knowledge		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To understand that electrical conductors are materials which electricity can pass through. To understand that electrical insulators are materials which electricity cannot pass through. To know that a battery contains stored electricity that can be used to power products. To know that an electrical circuit must be complete for electricity to flow. To know that a switch can be used to complete and break an electrical circuit. To know the features of a torch: case, contacts, batteries, switch, reflector, lamp, lens. To know facts from the history and invention of the electric light bulb(s) - by Sir Joseph Swan and Thomas Edison. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To know that batteries contain acid, which can be dangerous if they leak. To know the names of the components in a basic series circuit, including a buzzer. To know that 'form' means the shape and appearance of an object. To know the difference between 'form' and 'function'. To understand that 'fit for purpose' means that a product works how it should and is easy to use. To know that form over purpose means that a product looks good but does not work very well. To know the importance of 'form follows function' when designing: the product must be designed primarily with the function in mind.