



Design Technology: Long Term Plan

EYFS Expressive Arts and Design Educational Programme (Statutory)

The development of children’s artistic and cultural awareness supports their imagination and creativity. It is important that children have regular opportunities to engage with the arts, enabling them to explore and play with a wide range of media and materials. The quality and variety of what children see, hear and participate in is crucial for developing their understanding, self-expression, vocabulary and ability to communicate through the arts. The frequency, repetition and depth of their experiences are fundamental to their progress in interpreting and appreciating what they hear, respond to and observe.

EYFS Expressive Arts and Design (DT) Skills

Cooking and Nutrition	Design: Developing, Planning and Communicating Ideas	Make	Evaluate	Technical Knowledge
<p>Talk about healthy and unhealthy foods.</p> <p>Talk about having a balance of these.</p> <p>Talk about likes and dislikes.</p> <p>Use a range of tools with care and precision.</p>	<p>Provide opportunities to work together to develop and realise creative ideas.</p> <p>Encourage them to think about and discuss what they want to make.</p> <p>Look at products to generate inspiration and conversation about art and artists.</p>	<p>Provide children with a range of materials for children to construct with.</p>	<p>Discuss problems and how they might be solved as they arise.</p> <p>Reflect with children on how they have achieved their aims.</p>	<p>Teach children different techniques for joining materials, such as how to use adhesive tape and different sorts of glue.</p> <p>Provide a range of materials and tools and teach children to use them with care and precision.</p>

Development Matters

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.



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	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Nursery			Structures: Junk modelling (Vehicles)	Food: Pancakes	Textiles: Flower threading	
	To explore different materials freely, to develop their ideas about how to use them and what to make.	To develop their own ideas and then decide which materials to use to express them. To explore different materials.	To join different materials and explore different textures.	To begin to make imaginative and complex 'small worlds' with blocks and construction kits.	To safely use and explore lots of different tools such as hammers, scissors and saws. To choose the things they want to use to make something – adapting and changing. To choose and use different things like scissors, masking tape, sticky tape, hole punches and string to join and fix things together.	
CONTINUOUS PROVISION	<p><i>Explore healthy and unhealthy foods</i></p> <p><i>Construct homes using different materials (including in the construction area and outside)</i></p> <p><i>Exploring weaving with different materials – making nests</i></p>	<p><i>Christmas cards</i></p> <p><i>Making porridge</i></p> <p><i>Investigating seasonal constructions using natural objects</i></p>	<p><i>Joining using e.g. playdough, cardboard, shapes, interlocking cubes</i></p> <p><i>Exploring textures – sensory bags</i></p> <p><i>Exploring textures – food</i></p>	<p><i>Designing and building structures linked to texts e.g. Rosie's Walk</i></p> <p><i>Mother's Day cards</i></p> <p><i>Easter cards/ baskets</i></p> <p><i>Design and make: Gingerbread people</i></p>	<p><i>Outside area – building resources and tools with variety of construction challenges</i></p> <p><i>Construction kits: building for a purpose (animal habitats linked to texts)</i></p> <p><i>Junk modelling: Musical instruments</i></p>	



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Reception	Food: Soup	Structures: Junk modelling	Textiles: Bookmarks			Structures: Junk modelling (Boats)
	To explore using different media such as wood, crayons, paints, collage, and junk modelling.	To explore, use and refine a variety of artistic effects to express their ideas and feelings.	To return to and build on their previous learning, refining ideas and developing their ability to represent them.	To create collaboratively, sharing ideas, resources, and skills.	To create collaboratively, sharing ideas, resources, and skills.	
<i>CONTINUOUS PROVISION</i>	<i>Hibernation boxes</i> <i>Diya lamps using clay/playdough</i> <i>Natural collage</i>	<i>Christmas cards – sliding mechanism</i> <i>Puppets for storytelling (Nativity)</i>	<i>Junk modelling – strong and weak constructions</i>	<i>Mother’s Day cards</i> <i>Easter cards/egg hanging decoration</i> <i>Retell stories using small world</i>	<i>Rainbow salad</i> <i>Construction of places of worship</i> <i>Bird food/feeders</i>	<i>Models of ‘The Creation Story’ scenes</i>



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Year 1	Mechanisms (A1) Making a moving story book	Food (S2) Fruit and vegetables: Smoothies	Structures (S1) Constructing a windmill
	Design: Design purposeful, functional, appealing products for themselves and other users based on design criteria. Generate, develop, model and communicate their ideas through talking, drawing, templates, mock- ups and, where appropriate, information and communication technology.	Design: Generate, develop, model, and communicate their ideas through talking, drawing, templates, mock- ups and, where appropriate, information and communication technology	Design: Design purposeful, functional, appealing products for themselves and other users based on design criteria. Generate, develop, model, and communicate their ideas through talking, drawing, templates, mock- ups and, where appropriate, information and communication technology.
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	Evaluate: Explore and evaluate a range of existing products. Evaluate their ideas and products against design criteria.	Evaluate: Evaluate their ideas and products against design criteria.	Evaluate: Explore and evaluate a range of existing products. Evaluate their ideas and products against design criteria.
	Technical knowledge: Explore and use mechanisms [for example, levers, sliders, wheels, and axles], in their products.	Cooking and Nutrition: Understand where food comes from.	Technical knowledge: Build structures, exploring how they can be made stronger, stiffer, and more stable. Explore and use mechanisms [for example, levers, sliders, wheels, and axles], in their products.



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Year 2	Textiles (A2) Different stitches: Christmas decorations	Mechanisms (S1) Wheels and Axles: Designing a vehicle -*Y1 adapted unit	Food (S1) A balanced diet: Healthy wraps
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Year 3	Textiles (A2) Cross-stich and applique: Cushions	Structures (S1) Constructing a castle: Roman Forts	Food (S1) Eating seasonally: Fruit/Vegetable tarts
	Design: Use research and develop design criteria to inform the design of innovative, functional, appealing products that are fit for purpose, aimed at particular individuals, or groups. Generate, develop, model, and communicate their ideas through discussion, annotated sketches, cross-sectional and exploded diagrams, prototypes, pattern pieces and computer- aided design.	Design: Use research and develop design criteria to inform the design of innovative, functional, appealing products that are fit for purpose, aimed at particular individuals, or groups. Generate, develop, model, and communicate their ideas through discussion, annotated sketches, cross-sectional and exploded diagrams, prototypes, pattern pieces and computer- aided design.	Cooking and Nutrition: Understand and apply principles of a healthy and varied diet. Prepare and cook variety of predominantly savoury dishes using a range of cooking techniques. Understand seasonality and know where and how a variety of ingredients are grown, reared, caught, and processed.
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		Technical knowledge: Apply their understanding of how to strengthen, stiffen and reinforce more complex structures.	



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Year 4	Electrical systems (A2) Torches	Digital World (S1) Lego Robotics (External provider)	Food (S2) Adapting a recipe: Biscuits
	<p>Design: Use research and develop design criteria to inform the design of innovative, functional, appealing products that are fit for purpose, aimed at particular individuals or groups. Generate, develop, model and communicate their ideas through discussion, annotated sketches, cross-sectional and exploded diagrams, prototypes, pattern pieces and computer-aided design.</p>	<p>Design: Apply their understanding of how to strengthen, stiffen and reinforce more complex structures. <i>Understand and use mechanical systems in their products [for example, gears, pulleys, cams, levers, and linkages].</i> <i>Understand and use electrical systems in their products.</i> <i>Apply their understanding of computing to program, monitor and control their products.</i></p> <p>Technical knowledge: <i>Build structures, exploring how they can be made stronger, stiffer, and more stable.</i> <i>Explore and use mechanisms [for example, levers, sliders, wheels, and axles], in their products.</i></p>	<p>Cooking and Nutrition: Prepare and cook variety of predominantly savoury dishes using a range of cooking techniques.</p>
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	<p>Evaluate: Investigate and analyse a range of existing products. Evaluate their ideas and products against their own design criteria and consider the views of others to improve their work. Understand how key events and individuals in design and technology have helped shape the world.</p>		
	<p>Technical knowledge: Understand and use electrical systems in their products [for example, series circuits incorporating switches, bulbs, buzzers, and motors].</p>		



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Year 5	Food (A1) What could be healthier? Making spaghetti Bolognese	Digital World (S1) Lego Robotics (External provider)	Structures (S1) Bridges
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Year 6	Mechanical systems (A2) Automata toys	Textiles (S2) Stuffed Toys *adapted from Y5 unit	Electrical systems (S2) Steady Hand Game
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