

RSS DT Skills Overview

National Curriculum Aims

The national curriculum for design and technology aims to ensure that all pupils:

- develop the creative, technical and practical expertise needed to perform everyday tasks confidently and to participate successfully in an increasingly technological world
- build and apply a repertoire of knowledge, understanding and skills in order to design and make high-quality prototypes and products for a wide range of users
- critique, evaluate and test their ideas and products and the work of others
- understand and apply the principles of nutrition and learn how to cook.

ELG: Creating with Materials Children at the expected level of development will: - Safely use and explore a variety of materials, tools and techniques, experimenting with colour, design, texture, form and function; - Share their creations, explaining the process they have used; - Make use of props and materials when role playing characters in narratives and stories.

ELG: Fine Motor Skills Children at the expected level of development will:

- Hold a pencil effectively in preparation for fluent writing using the tripod grip in almost all cases;
- Use a range of small tools, including scissors, paint brushes and cutlery;
- Begin to show accuracy and care when drawing.

National Curriculum	When designing and making, pupils should be taught to:			:	Progression of Skills	
Curriculum DT Key Stage One Through a variety of creative and practical activities, pupils should be taught the knowledge, understanding and skills needed to engage in an	Design design purposeful, functional, appealing products for themselves and other users based on design criteria	Make • select from and use a range of tools and equipment to perform practical tasks [for example, cutting, shaping, joining	Evaluate • explore and evaluat e a range of existing produc ts • evaluat e their ideas and produc ts against design criteria	Technical knowledge • build structures, exploring how they can be made stronger, stiffer and more stable • explore and use mechanis ms [for example, levers, sliders, wheels and axles], in their products.	Year 1 Technical 1. generate ideas and recognise characteristics of familiar products 2. use pictures and words to describe what he/she wants to do 3. select from and use a range of tools and equipment to perform practical tasks e.g. cutting, shaping, joining and finishing 4. choose materials and explain why they are being used 5. explore and evaluate a range of existing products 6. build structures, exploring how they can be made stronger, stiffer and more stable Year 2 Technical 1. design purposeful, functional, appealing products for himself/herself and other users based on design criteria 2. generate, develop, model and communicate his/her ideas through talking, drawing, templates, mock-ups and, where appropriate, information and communication technology 3. select from and use a wide range of materials and components, including construction materials, textiles and ingredients, according to their characteristics 4. choose materials and explain why they are being used depending on their characteristics 5. evaluate his/her ideas and products against design criteria 6. join materials together as part of a moving structure 7. explore and use mechanisms e.g. levers, sliders, wheels and axles, in his/her products Cooking and Nutrition	
iterative process of designing and making. They should work in a range of relevant contexts [for example, the home and school, gardens and playgrounds, the local community, industry and the wider environment].	e generate, develop, model and communicate their ideas through talking, drawing, templates, mock-ups and, where appropriate, information and communication technology	select from and use a wide range of materials and components, including construction materials, textiles and ingredients, according to their characteristics				 and ingredients, according to their characteristics 4. choose materials and explain why they are being used depending on their characteristics 5. evaluate his/her ideas and products against design criteria 6. join materials together as part of a moving structure 7. explore and use mechanisms e.g. levers, sliders, wheels and axles, in his/her products Cooking and Nutrition b) understand the need for a variety of food in a diet c) group familiar food groups e.g. fruit and vegetables d) measure and weigh food items – using informal