Design Technology 2025- 2026





Foundation Stage

	Nursery		Reception	
Mechanisms	Explore how things work	Toys Class equipment Items of interest [Curiosity Cabinet]		
Construction	Make imaginative and complex 'small worlds' with blocks and construction kits, such as a city with different buildings and a park. Join different materials and explore different textures.	Lego/skittle bricks, duplo etc Large outdoor equipment Obstacle course items 'Making'/'Craft' Table 'Playdough' table Junk modelling Large cardboard Den building Equipment/tools shelf Small world 'Be the builder' Construction corner		Junk modelling Challenges in construction [eg build the strongest bridge] Obstacle course Den building Small world Mark malign in play
Baking		Weekly Skills focus baking: <u>Autumn Term</u> Spreading Cutting Grating Slicing chopping <u>Spring Term</u> Melting Freezing Heating Cooling Mixing <u>Summer Term</u> Planning Preparing Presenting Cookery Corner Weekly baking/skills practice Weekly prepare Friday snack		Weekly Skills focus baking. Prepare own healthy snack.

	Autumn	Spi	ring	Summer
Year 1	Vehicles (Moving pictures) Designer – Henry Ford	Design, make & evaluate rockets		Nutrition
	Use a range of mechanisms (levers, sliders, wheels and axles) in models or products.	Different materials are suitable for different purposes, depending on their specific properties. For example, glass is transparent, so it is suitable to be used for windows.		Name and explore a range of everyday products and describe how they are used.
	A mechanism is a device that takes one type of motion or force and produces a different one. A mechanism makes a job easier to do. Mechanisms include sliders, levers, linkages, gears, pulleys and cams.			Everyday products are objects that are used routinely at home and school, such as a toothbrush, cup or pencil. All products are designed for a specific purpose
	Cookery Corner – Biscuits	Cookery Corner – I smoothie	Design and create a	Cookery Corner – Taste and evaluate different sandwiches and wraps
Year 2	Food and Nutrition Cookery Corner: Honey Flapjacks. Identify the origin of some common	Food and Nutrition Cookery Corner Pirate Pasties.	Bookmarks (Sewing and Stitching)	Design, create and evaluate a 3D sculpture of a building Explain why a
	foods. Understand that all	Prepare ingredients by	Demonstrate how to cut, shape and	designer or inventor is important.
	food comes from plants and animals.	peeling, grating, chopping and slicing.	join fabric to make a simple product. Use	Many key individuals have helped to shape the world. These include engineers. scientists, designers, inventors and many
		Some ingredients need to be prepared before	basic sewing techniques.	other people in important roles.
		they can be cooked or eaten. There are many ways to prepare	Cutting and joining textiles. A running stitch is a basic stitch that is	Food and Nutrition Fruit Kebabs
		ingredients: peeling skins using a	used to join fabric. It is made by passing a	
		vegetable peeler, such as potato	needle in and out of fabric at an	

		skins; grating hard ingredients, such as cheese or chocolate, chopping vegetables, such as onions and peppers and slicing foods, such as bread and apples.	even distance.	
Year 3	Cookery Corner: Stone Age Soup Design and make a Healthy Stone Age soup. Iron Man Project Explore and use a range of mechanisms (levers, sliders, axles, wheels and cams) in models or products. Levers consist of a rigid bar that rotates around a fixed point, called a fulcrum. They reduce the amount of work needed to lift a heavy object. Sliders move from side to side or up and down, and are often used to make moving parts in books. Axles are shafts on which wheels can rotate to make a moving vehicle. Cams are devices that can convert circular motion into up-and-down motion.	Cookery Corner: Che flapjack Identify the main is (carbohydrates, prote and vegetables, fats There are five main for should be eaten regul balanced diet: fruit a carbohydrates (potate and pasta); proteins fish, eggs and mea alternatives (milk, yoghurt) and fats (oils Foods high in fat, s should only be eaten part of a healthy, b Greek designer: A	food groups ein, dairy, fruits s and sugars). ood groups that larly as part of a and vegetables; oes, bread, rice (beans, pulses, eat); dairy and cheese and s and spreads). salt and sugar occasionally as ealanced diet.	Cookery Corner: Design and create an egg-based dish. Volcanoes Create shell or frame structures using diagonal struts to strengthen them. Shell structures are hollow, 3-D structures with a thin outer covering, such as a box. Frame structures are made from thin, rigid components, such as a tent frame. The rigid frame gives the structure shape and support. Diagonal struts can strengthen the structure.

Year 4	Textiles (Digestion Tshirt) DT Focus.		Model Making: Totem Pole Design
	Vivienne Westwood.	Electric Game.	
		(Link to Science- Electricity)	Investigate and
	Use annotated	,	identify the design
	sketches and	An electric circuit can	features of a familiar
	exploded diagrams to	be used in a model,	product.
	test and	such as a lighthouse.	•
	communicate their	It can be controlled	Design features are
	ideas.	using a switch.	the aspects of a
			product's design that
	Annotated sketches	Incorporate a simple	the designer would
	and exploded	series circuit into a	like to emphasise,
	diagrams show	model.	such as the use of a
	specific parts of a		particular material or
	design, highlight		feature that makes
	sections or show		the product easier to
	functions. They		use or more durable
	communicate ideas in		
	a visual, detailed way.	Cookery Corner: Design and make a	
		fish, pasta bake.	
	Cookery Corner: Taste and Evaluate different cheese/ fish/ pasta		
Year 5	Cooking and nutrition/ Cookery Corner.	Making Models	Designing rides; Programming models;
		Select and combine materials with	,
		precision. Knowledge	
		precision. Knowledge	Mechanical systems. Werner Stengel
	Design and make a tropical fruit	Materials should be cut and combined	Rollercoaster designer.
	smoothie	with precision. For example, pieces of	Trongroudier designer.
		fabric could be cut with sharp scissors	Link a physical device to a computer
		•	or tablet so that it can be controlled
		and sewn together using a variety of	
	Describe what seasonality means and	stitching techniques.	(such as changing motor speed or
	explain some of the reasons why it is		turning an LED on and off) by a
	beneficial.	Cookery corner: design and make	program.
	Deficion.	Egyptian flatbreads.	
	Consequential to the stime of the sure of		Equipment and devices can be
	Seasonality is the time of year when		controlled by pressing buttons on a
	the harvest or flavour of a type of food		control panel, such as on a washing
	is at its best. Buying seasonal food is		machine or microwave.
	beneficial for many reasons: the food		

	tastes better; it is fresher because it hasn't been transported thousands of miles; the nutritional value is higher; the carbon footprint is lower, due to reduced transport; it supports local growers and is usually cheaper.		Cookery corner: design and create Fairground foods – cheese paninis, savoury pancakes.
Year 6	Healthy recipes Plan a healthy daily diet, justifying why each meal contributes towards a balanced diet. Eating a balanced diet is a positive lifestyle choice that should be sustained over time. Food that is high in fat, salt or sugar can still be eaten occasionally as part of a balanced diet. Cookery Corner: Taste and evaluate different savoury pies.	Judder Robots and Cars. Designer-Henry Royce. Mechanical systems can include sliders, levers, linkages, gears, pulleys and cams. Other mechanisms include pneumatics and hydraulics. Explain and use mechanical systems in their products to meet a design brief. Cookery Corner: Evaluate and taste different fishcakes.	Design criteria should cover the intended use of the product, age range targeted and final appearance. Ideas can be communicated in a range of ways, including through discussion, annotated sketches, cross-sectional and exploded diagrams, prototypes, pattern pieces and computer-aided design. Skill Develop design criteria for a functional and appealing product that is fit for purpose, communicating ideas clearly in a range of ways. Generate, develop, model and communicate their ideas through discussion, annotated sketches, cross-sectional and exploded diagrams, prototypes, pattern pieces and computer-aided design. Cookery Corner: Design and Create a three- course meal, starter (fish), main (pie) and dessert (fruit based).