## Summerfields Primary School

## Design Technology Curriculum Overview

## Our Ultimate End Goal:

At Summerfields Primary School, we believe that design and technology helps to prepare children for the developing world and encourages them to become curious and creative problem-solvers, both as individuals and as part of a team. Through the study of design and technology, they combine practical skills with an understanding of aesthetic. Children are encouraged to engage with this subject both within lessons and with whole school home learning challenges. Previous challenges have included 'the egg drop' and a paper aeroplane challenge. We aim to develop imaginative thinking in children and to enable them to talk about what they like and dislike when designing and making. We will enable children to talk about how things work, and to draw and model their ideas; whilst encouraging children to select appropriate tools and techniques for making a product, making sure they follow safe procedures.

This will foster enjoyment, satisfaction and purpose in designing and making.

## Curriculum Coverage (NC) <br> What are the most basic requirements from the National Curriculum?



- generate, develop, model and communicate their ideas through talking, drawing, templates, mock-ups and, where appropriate, information and communication technology


## Make

- select from and use a range of tools and equipment to perform practical tasks [for example, cutting, shaping, joining and finishing]
- select from and use a wide range of materials and components, including construction materials, textiles and ingredients, according to their characteristics


## Evaluate

- explore and evaluate a range of existing products
- evaluate their ideas and products against design criteria


## 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


## Cooking and nutrition

- use the basic principles of a healthy and varied diet to prepare dishes
- understand where food comes from

Make

- select from and use a wider range of tools and equipment to perform practical tasks [for example, cutting, shaping, joining and finishing], accurately
- select from and use a wider range of materials and components, including construction materials textiles and ingredients, according to their functional properties and aesthetic qualities

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


## Technical knowledge

- apply their understanding of how to strengthen, stiffen and reinforce more complex structures
- understand and use mechanical systems in their products [for example, gears, pulleys, cams, levers and linkages]
- understand and use electrical systems in their products [for example, series circuits incorporating switches, bulbs, buzzers and motors]
- apply their understanding of computing to program, monitor and control their products.


## Cooking and nutrition

- understand and apply the principles of a healthy and varied diet
- prepare and cook a 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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A note about the pedagogy:
At Summerfields, we will use the six essentials of good practice in D&T:
-USER: Children should have a clear idea of who they are designing their project for - considering needs, wants, interests or preferences
-PURPOSE: children should know what the products they design and make are for. It should perform a clearly defined task that can be evaluated in use.
-FUNCTIONALITY: Children should design and make products that function in some way to be successful.
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## -DESIGN DECISIONS: Children need opportunities to select materials, components and techniques <br> -INNOVATION: Children need scope to be original in their thinking and need open starting points

-AUTHENTICITY: Children should design and make believable, real and meaningful products.
Each of the learning experiences will ensure that the children have 3 stages of learning:

1) Investigative and Evaluative Activities: Children learn from a range of existing products, learning about D\&T in the wider world
2) Focused Tasks: Where they are taught specific technical knowledge, designing skills and making skills
3) Design, Make and Evaluate Assignment: where children create functional products with users and purposes in mind

This Curriculum Map is supported by the Design and Technology Association's (DATA) Project on a Page which will give the teaching team a starting point for their planning.

Procedural Knowledge - What skills do we want our pupils to have to support [subject]?
How will these skills build on what went before and help prepare our children for what is coming next?

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| Design | Can have own ideas and clarify them through discussion <br> Can explain what my product is for, and how it will work Can use my own experiences when developing ideas Can use pictures and words to plan, beginning to use models <br> Can research similar | Can explain what I want to do and describe how I may do it <br> Can describe design using pictures, words, models, diagrams and begin to use ICT <br> Can explain purpose of product, how it will work and how it will be suitable for the user <br> Can design products | Can begin to consider and research others' needs when designing <br> Can show that a design meets a range of requirements <br> Can describe the purpose of a product <br> Can follow a given design criteria | Can use research to develop design ideas <br> Can show design meets a range of requirements and is fit for purpose <br> Can begin to create own design criteria <br> Can produce a plan and explain it to others <br> Can include an annotated sketch in | Can use information sources including questionnaires and the internet to help develop design ideas <br> Can begin to consider needs/wants of individuals/groups when designing to ensure product is fit for purpose <br> Can create own design criteria | Can draw on market research to inform design <br> Can use research of user's individual requirements for design <br> Can identify features of a design that will appeal to the intended user <br> Can create own design criteria and specification |



|  |  |  | understand by whom, when and where products were designed <br> Can learn about some inventors/designers /engineers/chefs/m anufacturers of ground-breaking products | /engineers/chefs/m anufacturers of ground-breaking products | made and whether they are fit for purpose <br> Can talk about some key inventors/designers /engineers/chefs/m anufacturers of ground-breaking products | evaluations of existing products considering: how well they've been made, materials, whether they work, how they've been made and whether they are fit for purpose <br> Can research and discuss some key inventors/designers /engineers/chefs/m anufacturers of ground-breaking products |
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| Make | Can explain what I am making and why <br> Can select tools and equipment to cut, shape, join and finish, explaining choices Can measure, mark out, cut and shape with support <br> Can choose suitable materials and explain choices | Can explain what I am making and why it fits the purpose <br> Can make suggestions for what I need to do next <br> Can select from a range of tools, describing reasons for choices Can select suitable materials considering | Can select suitable tools and equipment, explaining choices <br> Can begin use selected tools and equipment accurately <br> Can select appropriate materials that are fit for purpose | Can select suitable tools and equipment, explaining choices in relation to required techniques <br> Can use selected tools and equipment with increasing confidence and accuracy <br> Can select | Can select appropriate materials that are fit for purpose, considering functionality Can produce a suitable list of tools, equipment and materials needed Can use selected tools and equipment with a good level of precision | Can select appropriate materials that fit for purpose, considering functionality and aesthetics <br> Can select appropriate tools and equipment Can use selected tools and equipment precisely |



|  |  |  |  |  | making | purpose? |
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| Evaluate | Can talk about my work, linking it to what I was asked to do <br> Can begin to talk about what could make a product better | Can describe what went well, thinking about design criteria <br> Can talk about what I would do differently if I were to do it again why | Can use criteria to evaluate finished product <br> Can say what I would change to make the design better <br> Can begin to identify strengths in own and other children's work, according to the criteria | Can use criteria to evaluate product <br> Can begin to explain how I could improve the original design <br> Can identify strengths in own and other children's work, according to the criteria | Can evaluate other children's work against original specification <br> Can adapt their work according to their views and describe how they might develop it further Can evaluate ideas and finished product against specification, considering purpose and appearance Can evaluate their design ideas as these develop, bearing in mind the users and the purposes for which the product is intended, and indicating ways of improving their ideas | Can evaluate their own and others' products against the original specification, stating if it's fit for purpose <br> Can test and evaluate final product; explain what would improve it and the effect different resources may have had <br> Can consider the views of others to improve a piece of work <br> Can consider the impact of products beyond their intended purpose |
| Technical Knowledge | Can describe some different | Can join materials in | Can use appropriate | Can measure carefully to avoid | Can select materials carefully, | Can use techniques to reinforce and |


| Materials/ structures | characteristics of materials | different ways <br> Can use joining, rolling or folding to strengthen a product <br> Can use own ideas to try to make products stronger <br> Can measure and join materials, with some support | materials <br> Can work accurately to make cuts and holes <br> Can use techniques to join materials <br> Can begin to make strong structures | mistakes <br> Can use techniques to attempt to strengthen a product <br> Can make a strong, stiff structure | considering the intended use of the product, the aesthetics and the functionality <br> Can use different techniques to strengthen a product | strengthen a 3D frame <br> Can measure accurately enough to ensure precision <br> Can ensure product is strong and fit for purpose |
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| Technical Knowledge <br> Mechanisms | Can begin to use levers or slides <br> Can begin to understand how to use wheels and axles | Can use simple levers and linkages to create movement | Can use pneumatics to create movement | Can use more complicated levers and linkages with both fixed and loose pivots to create movement | Can begin to use cams and gears to create movement | Can use cams, pulleys and gears to create movement <br> Can incorporate hydraulics and pneumatics |
| Technical Knowledge <br> Textiles |  | Can choose suitable textiles <br> Can measure, cut and join textiles to make a product, with some support | Can measure and carefully cut textiles to produce accurate pieces with support <br> Can join textiles together to make a product, explaining how | Can measure and carefully cut textiles to produce accurate pieces <br> Can join textiles together using stitches to make a product <br> Can explain choices | Can consider the user and final product when choosing textiles, considering appearance and functionality <br> Can think about how to make a | Can use own template <br> Can think about user and aesthetics when choosing textiles <br> Can begin to understand that a single 3D textiles |


|  |  |  |  | of textile <br> Can understand that a 3D textile structure can be made from two identical fabric shapes <br> Can make and/or use a simple paper pattern/template | product strong <br> Can begin to devise a template <br> Can explain how to join things in a different way <br> Can understand that a simple fabric shape can be used to make a 3D textiles project | project can be made from a combination of fabric shapes <br> Can demonstrate a range of ways to join materials |
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| Technical Knowledge <br> Electrical systems |  |  |  | Can use a simple circuit in a product | Can use a number of components in a circuit in a product | Can confidently use a number of components in a circuit to improve a product Can incorporate a switch into a product <br> Can use different types of circuit in a product (series, parallel) <br> Can think of ways in which adding a circuit would |



|  |  |  |  |  | spreading, kneading <br> and baking | how food can be <br> grown, reared or <br> caught in the UK <br> and the wider world | Can use a range of <br> techniques <br> confidently such as <br> peeling, chopping, <br> slicing, grating, <br> Can use a range of <br> techniques such as <br> peeling, chopping, <br> slicing, grating, <br> mixing, spreading, <br> kneading and <br> kneading and <br> baking |
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| baking |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |


| Propositional Knowledge - What key concepts or knowledge will we need? <br> What knowledge do we want to emphasise? How will knowledge be built on what went before and prepare our children for what is coming next? |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| EYFS | Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 5 | Year 6 |
|  | Mechanisms - sliders and levers (Christmas cards) <br> *Know the correct technical vocabulary for the projects that they are undertaking <br> * Know about the simple working characteristics of materials and components <br> *Know about the movement of simple mechanisms such as levers, sliders, wheels and axles <br> Mechanisms - wheels and axels (toy car) | Structures freestanding structures (enclosures for farm or zoo animals) <br> * Know the correct technical vocabulary for the projects that they are undertaking <br> * Know about the simple working characteristics of materials and components <br> * Know how to make freestanding structures stronger, stiffer and more stable. <br> Textiles - Templates and joining techniques (glove puppets) | Textiles - 2-D shape to 3-D product (pouch) <br> * Know the correct technical vocabulary for the projects that they are undertaking <br> * Know that a 3-d textiles product can be assembled from two identical fabric shapes <br> * Know how to strengthen, stiffen and reinforce existing fabrics. <br> * know how to securely join two pieces of fabric together. <br> * know about the need for patterns and seam | Food - Healthy and varied diet (sandwiches) <br> * Know the correct technical vocabulary for the projects that they are undertaking <br> * Know how to use appropriate equipment and utensils to prepare and combine food. <br> * Know about a range of fresh and processed ingredients appropriate for their product, and whether they are grown, reared or caught <br> Mechanical systems Levers and linkages (mechanical poster) | Structures - frame structures (kite) <br> * Know the correct technical vocabulary for the projects that they are undertaking <br> * Know how to strengthen, stiffen and reinforce 3-D frameworks <br> Mechanical systems Cams (moving planet toy) <br> * Know the correct technical vocabulary for the projects that they are undertaking <br> * Know that mechanical | Food - celebrating culture and seasonality (savoury scone) <br> * Know the correct technical vocabulary for the projects that they are undertaking <br> * Know how to use utensils and equipment including heat sources to prepare and cook food <br> * Know about seasonality in relation to food products and the source of different food products <br> Electrical systems More complex switches |




What key vocabulary will our designers need? Vocabulary is important because it embodies and communicates concepts.

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|  | Mechanisms - sliders and levers slider, lever, pivot, slot, bridge/guide <br> card, masking tape, paper fastener, join <br> pull, push, up, down, straight, curve, forwards, backwards <br> design, make, evaluate, | Structures freestanding structures cut, fold, join, fix <br> structure, wall, tower, framework, weak, strong, base, top, underneath, side, edge, surface, thinner, thicker, corner, point, straight, curved metal, wood, plastic | Textiles - 2-D shape to 3-D product fabric, names of fabrics, fastening, compartment, zip, button, structure, finishing technique, strength, weakness, stiffening, templates, stitch, seam, seam allowance <br> user, purpose, | Food - Healthy and varied diet name of products, names of equipment, utensils, techniques and ingredients <br> texture, taste, sweet, sour, hot, spicy, appearance, smell, preference, greasy, moist, cook, fresh, savoury | Structures - frame <br> structures <br> frame structure, stiffen, strengthen, reinforce, triangulation, stability, shape, join, temporary, permanent <br> design brief, design specification, prototype, annotated sketch, purpose, user, innovation, research, | Food - celebrating culture and seasonality ingredients, yeast, dough, bran, flour, wholemeal, unleavened, baking soda, spice, herbs <br> fat, sugar, carbohydrate, protein, vitamins, nutrients, nutrition, healthy, varied, gluten, dairy, allergy, |




| What experience do we want our students to have had? What other opportunities will our students have had in.......? |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  |  |  | Children should learn about inventors, designers, engineers chefs and manufacturers who have developed ground-breaking products and in doing so, made the world a better place. <br> Year 3: Stella McCartney / Robert Thomson <br> Year 4: Isambard Kingdom Brunel / Jamie Oliver <br> Year 5: Galileo Galilei / Vivienne Westwood <br> Year 6: Nikola Tesla / Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall |  |  |  |
| EYFS | Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 5 | Year 6 |
|  | Mechanisms - sliders and levers <br> Year 1 will make moving Christmas cards to share with their families. <br> Mechanisms - wheels and axels <br> The children will design and make their own toy | Structures freestanding structures The children will design and make an enclosure for zoo animals <br> Textiles - Templates and joining techniques Year 1 will learn sewing skills to make glove | Textiles - 2-D shape to 3-D product <br> The children will build on the skills they learned in year to design and make a pouch <br> Food - Healthy and varied diet Year 3 will prepare and | Food - Healthy and varied diet Year 4 will prepare and make nutritious sandwiches for their families <br> Mechanical systems Levers and linkages The children will design | Structures - frame structures Year 5 will design and make a kite <br> Mechanical systems pulleys and gears The children will make their own mini orrery | Food - celebrating culture and seasonality Year 6 will prepare and make nutritious savoury scones <br> Electrical systems More complex switches and circuits The children will use |



