

MPPS - Design & Technology Curriculum Narrative (2022-23)

This document shares Design & Technology curriculum narrative from EYFS to Year 6, as well as in a more in-depth look at how each unit builds up on prior learning and concepts. KAPOW materials are used in Key Stage 1 and 2. Whilst the EYFS Framework is structured differently to the national curriculum, we aim to show how physical development aspect (fine motor skills) and Expressive Arts and Designs feeds into the Design & Technology national curriculum programmes of study, and how children in Reception are prepared for Year 1.

	Ea	arly Years Framework
 ELG: Fine Motor Skills Children at the expected level of development will: Use a range of small tools, including scissors, paint brushes and cutlery Begin to show accuracy and care when drawing. 		Expressive Arts and Design 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
		National Curriculum
Key Stages	Key Stage 1 Through a variety of creative and practical activities, pupils should be taught the knowledge, understanding and skills needed to engage in an 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]. When designing and making, pupils should be taught to	Key Stage 2 Through a variety of creative and practical activities, pupils should be taught the knowledge, understanding and skills needed to engage in an iterative process of designing and making. They should work in a range of relevant contexts [for example, the home, school, leisure, culture, enterprise, industry and the wider environment]. When designing and making, pupils should be taught to
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 	 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



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 	 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	 explore and evaluate a range of existing products evaluate their ideas and products against design criteria 	 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	 build structures, exploring how they can be made stronger, stiffer and more stable explore and use mechanisms [for example, levers, 	 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,
	sliders, wheels and axles], in their products	cams, levers and linkages]
		understand and use electrical systems in their products [for example, series circuits incorporating switches, bulbs, buzzers and motors]
0	According to the state of the first of the state of the s	apply their understanding of computing to program, monitor and control their products
Cooking and nutrition		v to cook and apply the principles of nutrition and healthy eating. Instilling a love of cooking in of human creativity. Learning how to cook is a crucial life skill that enables pupils to feed r life
	Key stage 1	♣ understand and apply the principles of a healthy and varied diet
	use the basic principles of a healthy and varied diet to prepare dishes	prepare and cook a variety of predominantly savoury dishes using a range of cooking techniques
	understand where food comes from	understand seasonality, and know where and how a variety of ingredients are grown, reared, caught and processed

Units have been carefully developed to ensure gradual progression towards the National curriculum end of key stage attainment targets and to cover all of the five strands (Design, Make, Evaluate, Technical knowledge and Cooking & nutrition) in enough detail.

Some key areas appear less frequently than others, for example Textiles, and this is deliberate. The National curriculum statements show that working with textiles is only a small element of the Make strand and many of the making techniques covered in our Textiles units are also covered with a range of materials in other units, such as the use of templates, modelling, measuring and marking out, cutting, shaping and joining.



Similarly in Year 2, the coverage of key areas is deliberately imbalanced as there are two Mechanisms units. This is because there is strong progression between the Y1 Structures: Constructing a windmill and the Y2 Mechanisms: Fairground wheel and then again with the Y2 Mechanisms: Making a moving monster. To omit one of these units would negatively impact on the progression.

Design & Technology Curriculum Long Term Plan

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2	
EYFS	Children self-select from a range of tools and materials in the continuous provision. Children learn by experimenting with tools such as scissors, staplers and hole punches. They make use of fixing and joining materials such as sellotape, masking tape, string, pipe cleaners and glue. Through questioning children are encouraged to talk about what they like about their work and other children's designs and how they would improve it. Children have the opportunity to prepare food, combine ingredients and bake.						
		curriculum is split into 4 ke ressively each year. In KS2,	-		. Below we share how child <mark>tal world.</mark>	ren build up key	
Year 1	Structures: Constructing windmills Designing, decorating and building a windmill for their mouse client to live in, developing an understanding of different types of windmills, how they work and their key features.		Textiles: Puppets Exploring different ways of joining fabrics before creating their own hand puppets based upon characters from a well-known fairy-tale. Children work to develop their technical skills of cutting, gluing, stapling and pinning.			Food: Fruit and vegetables Handling and exploring fruits and vegetables and learning how to identify which category they fall into, before undertaking taste testing to establish their chosen ingredients for the smoothie they will make a design packaging for.	
Year 2		Structures: Baby bear's chair Using the tale of Goldilocks and the Three		Mechanisms: Fairground wheel Designing and creating their own Ferris wheels, considering how the		Mechanisms: Making a moving monster After learning the terms: pivot, lever and linkage, children design a monster	



		Bears as inspiration, children help Baby Bear by making him a brand new chair. When designing the chair, they consider his needs and what he likes and explore ways of building it so that it is strong.	different components fit together so that the wheels rotate, and the structures stand freely. Pupils select appropriate materials and develop their cutting and joining skills.	which will move using a linkage mechanism. Children practise making linkages of different types and varying the materials they use to bring their monsters to life.
Year 3	Food: Eating Seasonally Discovering when and where fruits and vegetables are grown. Learning about seasonality in the UK and the relationship between the colour of fruits and vegetables and their health benefits by making three dishes.	Mechanical Systems: Pneumatic toys Designing and creating a toy with a pneumatic system, learning how trapped air can be used to create a product with moving parts whilst building upon their own design knowledge. Introduction to thumbnail sketches and exploded diagrams.	Digital world: Electronic charm Designing, coding, making and promoting a Micro:bit electronic charm to use in low-light conditions. Children develop their understanding of programming to monitor and control their product.	
Year 4	Electrical systems: Torches Applying their scientific understanding of electrical circuits, children create a torch, designing and evaluating their product against set design criteria.	anagramo.	Mechanical systems: Making a slingshot car Transforming lollipop sticks, wheels, dowels and straws into a moving car. Using a glue gun to, making a launch mechanism, designing and making the body of the vehicle using nets and assembling these to the chassis.	Structure: Pavilions Exploring pavilion structures, children learn about what they are used for and investigate how to create strong and stable structures before designing and creating their own pavilions, complete with cladding.



Year 5			Mechanical systems: Making a pop-up book Creating a four-page pop- up storybook design incorporating a range of mechanisms and decorative features, including: structures, levers, sliders, layers and spacers.	Electrical systems Doodlers Exploring series circuits further and introducing motors. Exploring how the design cycle can be approached at a different starting point, by investigating an existing product, which uses a motor, to encourage pupils to problem-solve and work out how the product has been constructed, ready to develop their own.	Food: What could be healthier? Researching and modifying a traditional Bolognese sauce recipe to make it healthier. Children cook their healthier versions, making appropriate packaging and learn about farming cattle.
Year 6	Textiles: Waistcoats Selecting suitable fabrics, using templates, pinning, decorating and stitching to create a waistcoat for a person or purpose of their choice.	Structure: Playgrounds Designing and creating a model of a new playground featuring five apparatus, made from three different structures. Creating a footprint as the base, pupils visualise objects in plain view and get creative with their use of natural features.		Digital world: Navigating the world Programming a navigation tool to produce a multifunctional device for trekkers. Combining 3D objects to form a complete product in CAD 3D modelling software and presenting a pitch to 'sell' their product.	

Year 7 (at Moor end Academy)

Graphic design introduction of the illustrator Eric Carle Design and make a package for a new range of sweets. The project will introduce the key concepts of designing fem a set brief and link to logo design and mathematical nets.

Design and make a promotional logo to promote a music festival. Student will have an understanding of working to a brief to create a new corporate identity. William Charles Form – key designers used



Design & Technology Skills and Knowledge EYFS to Year 6

Early Years Framework

The EYFS continuous provision allows plenty of opportunity for children to explore and play with a wide range of media and materials. It also provides opportunities and encouragement for children to share their thoughts, ideas and feelings through a variety of activities in and design and technology.

Children have opportunities to use a range of simple tools and techniques with guidance and support given in how to use these safely and independently. They make use of fixing and joining materials such as sellotape, masking tape, string, pipe cleaners and glue. They have access to a wide variety of creative resources, such as paint, crayons, chalk, pastels etc as well as materials for junk modelling, collage, play dough modelling, paper and fabric art. Children are encouraged to explore the materials, experiment with textures and combine different media to create new and original effects. The process involved is just as important for the children as the finished product. Through questioning children are encouraged to talk about what they like about their work and other children's designs and how they would improve it.

Children are encouraged to use materials and media in original ways, thinking about they might use the materials and put them to purpose. In their art and model making they may create simple representations of events, people and objects, for example using junk modelling to create rockets for their characters.

Children have the opportunity to prepare food, combine ingredients and bake.



			Progression of Skills and Knowledge: Structures				
		Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 6		
		Constructing a Windmill	Baby Bear's Chair	Constructing a Castle	Playgrounds		
Skills	Design	 Learning the importance of a clear design criteria Including individual preferences and requirements in a design 	Generating and communicating ideas using sketching and modelling	 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. 	Designing a playground featuring a variety of different structures, giving careful consideration to how the structures will be used, considering effective and ineffective designs.		
	Make	 Making stable structures from card, tape and glue Learning how to turn 2D nets into 3D structures 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. 	 Making a structure according to design criteria Creating joints and structures from paper/card and tape Building a strong and stiff structure by folding paper 	 Constructing a range of 3D geometric shapes using nets Creating special features for individual designs Making facades from a range of recycled materials. 	 Building a range of play apparatus structures drawing upon new and prior knowledge of structures Measuring, marking and cutting wood to create a range of structures Using a range of materials to reinforce and add decoration to structures. 		
	Evaluate	 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 	 Testing the strength of own structures Identifying the weakest part of a structure Evaluating the strength, stiffness and stability of own structure 	 Evaluating own work and the work of others based on the aesthetic of the finished product and in comparison to the original design 	 Improving a design plan based on peer evaluation Testing and adapting a design to improve it as it is developed Identifying what makes a successful structure. 		



Knowledge	Technical	 To understand that the shape of materials can be changed to improve the strength and stiffness of structures To understand that cylinders are a strong type of structure (e.g. the main shape used for windmills and lighthouses) 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 materials can be manipulated to improve strength and stiffness To know that a structure is something which has been formed or made from parts To know that a 'stable' structure is one which is firmly fixed and unlikely to change or move To know that a 'strong' structure is one which does not break easily To know that a 'stiff' structure or material is one which does not bend easily 	 Suggesting points for modification of the individual designs. To understand that wide and flat based objects are more stable To understand the importance of strength and stiffness in structures 	To know that structures can be strengthened by manipulating materials and shapes.
	Additional	 To know that a client is the person I am designing for To know that design criteria is a list of points to ensure the product meets the clients needs and wants To know that a windmill harnesses the power of wind for a purpose like grinding grain, pumping water or generating electricity To know that windmill turbines use wind to turn and 	N/A	 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 	 To understand what a 'footprint plan' is To understand that in the real world, design, can impact users in positive and negative ways To know that a prototype is a cheap model to test a design idea.



make the machines	inside •	To know that a paper net is a flat
work		2D shape that can become a 3D
To know that a wind	dmill is a	shape once assembled
structure with sails	that are •	To know that a design
moved by the wind		specification is a list of success
To know the three r	main parts	criteria for a product
of a windmill are th	e turbine,	
axle and structure		

		Progression of Skills and Knowledge	e: Mechanisms/ Mechanical systems	
		Year 2 Fairground Wheel Making a Moving Monster	Year 4 Slingshot Car	Year 5 Pop Up Book
Skills	Design	 Selecting a suitable linkage system to produce the desired motions Designing a wheel Selecting appropriate materials based on their properties Creating a class design criteria for a moving monster Designing a moving monster for a specific audience in accordance with a design criteria 	 Designing a shape that reduces air resistance Drawing a net to create a structure Choosing shapes that increase or decrease speed as a result of air resistance Personalising a design 	 Designing a pop-up book which uses a mixture of structures and mechanisms Naming each mechanism, input and output accurately Storyboarding ideas for a book
	Make	 Selecting materials according to their characteristics Following a design brief 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 	 Measuring, marking, cutting and assembling with increasing accuracy Making a model based on a chosen design 	 Following a design brief to make a pop up book, neatly and with focus on accuracy Making mechanisms and/or structures using sliders, pivots and folds to produce movement Using layers and spacers to hide the workings of mechanical parts for an aesthetically pleasing result



	Evaluate	 Evaluating different designs Testing and adapting a design Evaluating own designs against design criteria Using peer feedback to modify a final design 	•	Evaluating the speed of a final product based on: the effect of shape on speed and the accuracy of workmanship on performance	N/	A
Knowledge	Technical	 To know that different materials have different properties and are therefore suitable for different uses 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 that air resistance is the level of drag on an object as it is forced through the air To understand that the shape of a moving object will affect how it moves due to air resistance.	•	To know that mechanisms control movement To understand that mechanisms that can be used to change one kind of motion into another To understand how to use sliders, pivots and folds to create paper-based mechanisms
	Additional	 To know the features of a ferris wheel include the wheel, frame, pods, a base an axle and an axle holder To know that it is important to test my design as I go along so that I can solve any problems that may occur To know some real-life objects that contain mechanisms 	•	To know that aesthetics means how an object or product looks in design and technology To know that a template is a stencil you can use to help you draw the same shape accurately To know that a birds-eye view means a view from a high angle (as if a bird in flight) To know that graphics are images which are designed to explain or advertise something	•	To know that a design brief is a description of what I am going to design and make To know that designers often want to hide mechanisms to make a product more aesthetically pleasing



	To know that it is important to	
	assess and evaluate design ideas	
	and models against a list of	
	design criteria.	

		Progression of Skills and Knowledge: Electrica	l Systems (KS2 only)
		Year 4	Year 5
		Torches	Doodlers
Skills	Design	Designing a torch, giving consideration to the target audience and creating both design and success criteria focusing on features of individual design ideas	 Identifying factors that could be changed on existing products and explaining how these would alter the form and function of the product Developing design criteria based on finding from investigating existing products Developing design criteria that clarifies the target user
	Make	 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 	 Altering a product's form and function by tinkering with its configuration. Making a functional series circuit, incorporating a motor Constructing a product with consideration for the design criteria Breaking down the construction process into steps so that others can make the product
	Evaluate	Testing and evaluating the success of a final product	 Carry out a product analysis to look at the purpose of a product along with its strengths and weaknesses Determining which parts of a product affect its function and which parts affect its form Analysing whether changes in configuration positively or negatively affect an existing product Peer evaluating a set of instructions to build a product
Knowledge	Technical	 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 that series circuits only have one direction for the electricity to flow To know when there is a break in a series circuit, all components turn off



		 To know that an electric motor converts electrical energy into rotational movement, causing the motor's axle to spin To know a motorised product is one which uses a motor to functio
Additional	 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 	 To know that product analysis is critiquing the strengths and weaknesses of a product To know that 'configuration' means how the parts of a product are arranged

	Progression of Skills and Knowledge: Cooking and Nutrition			
		Year 1 Fruit and Vegetables	Year 3 Eating Seasonally	Year 5 What Could Be Healthier
Skills	Design	Designing smoothie carton packaging by-hand or on ICT software	Creating a healthy and nutritious recipe for a savoury tart using seasonal ingredients, considering the taste, texture, smell and appearance of the dish	 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
	Make	 Chopping fruit and vegetables safely to make a smoothie Identifying if a food is a fruit or a vegetable Learning where and how fruits and vegetables grow 	 Knowing how to prepare themselves and a work space to cook safely in, learning the basic rules to avoid food contamination Following the instructions within a recipe 	 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



	Evaluate	 Tasting and evaluating different food combinations Describing appearance, smell and taste Suggesting information to be included on packaging 	 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 	 Identifying the nutritional differences between different products and recipes Identifying and describing healthy benefits of food groups
Knowledge	Cooking and Nutrition	 Understanding the difference between fruits and vegetables To understand that some foods typically known as vegetables are actually fruits (e.g. cucumber) To know that a blender is a machine which mixes ingredients together into a smooth liquid To know that a fruit has seeds and a vegetable does not To know that fruits grow on trees or vines To know that vegetables can grow either above or below ground To know that vegetables can come from different parts of the plant (e.g. roots: potatoes, leaves: lettuce, fruit: cucumber) 	 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 understand that imported foods travel from far away and this can negatively impact the environment To know that each fruit and vegetable gives us nutritional benefits because they contain vitamins, minerals and fibre To understand that vitamins, minerals and fibre are important for energy, growth and maintaining health To know safety rules for using, storing and cleaning a knife safely To know that similar coloured fruits and vegetables often have similar nutritional benefits 	 To understand where meat comes from - learning that beef is from cattle and how beef is reared and processed, including key welfare issues To know that I can adapt a recipe to make it healthier by substituting ingredients To know that I can use a nutritional calculator to see how healthy a food option is To understand that 'cross-contamination' means that bacteria and germs have been passed onto ready-to-eat foods and it happens when these foods mix with raw meat or unclean object



		Progression of Skills and Knowledg	e: Textiles
		Year 1 Puppets	Year 6 Waistcoats
Skills	Design	Using a template to create a design for a puppet	 Designing a waistcoat in accordance to specification linked to set of design criteria to fit a specific theme Annotating designs
	Make	 Cutting fabric neatly with scissors Using joining methods to decorate a puppet Sequencing steps for construction 	 Using a template when pinning panels onto fabric Marking and cutting fabric accurately, in accordance with a design Sewing a strong running stitch, making small, neat stitches and following the edge Tying strong knots Decorating a waistcoat -attaching objects using thread and adding a secure fastening Learning different decorative stitches Sewing accurately with even regularity of stitches
Knowledge	Evaluate	 Reflecting on a finished product, explaining likes and dislikes To know that 'joining technique' means connecting two pieces of material together To know that there are various temporary methods of joining fabric by using staples. glue or pins To understand that different techniques for joining materials can be used for different purposes To understand that a template (or fabric pattern) is used to cut out the same shape multiple times To know that drawing a design idea is useful to see how an idea will look 	 Evaluating work continually as it is created 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



		Progression of Skills and Knowledge: Dig	gital World (KS2 only)	
	Year 3		Year 6	
		Electronic Charm	Navigating the World	
Skills	Design	 Problem solving by suggesting potential features on a Micro: bit and justifying my ideas Developing design ideas for a technology pouch Drawing and manipulating 2D shapes, using computeraided design, to produce a point of sale badge 	 Writing a design brief from information submitted by a client Developing design criteria to fulfil the client's request Considering and suggesting additional functions for my navigation tool Developing a product idea through annotated sketches Placing and manoeuvring 3D objects, using CAD Changing the properties of, or combine one or more 3D objects, using CAD 	
	Make	 Using a template when cutting and assembling the pouch Following a list of design requirements Selecting and using the appropriate tools and equipment for cutting, joining, shaping and decorating a foam pouch Applying functional features such as using foam to create soft buttons 	 Considering materials and their functional properties, especially those that are sustainable and recyclable (for example, cork and bamboo) Explaining material choices and why they were chosen as part of a product concept Programming an N,E, S,W cardinal compass 	
	Evaluate	 Analysing and evaluating an existing product Identifying the key features of a pouch 	 Explaining how my program fits the design criteria and how it would be useful as part of a navigation tool Developing an awareness of sustainable design Identifying key industries that utilise 3D CAD modelling and explain why Describing how the product concept fits the client's request and how it will benefit the customers Explaining the key functions in my program, including any additions Explaining how my program fits the design criteria and how it would be useful as part of a navigation tool Explaining the key functions and features of my navigation tool to the client as part of a product concept pitch Demonstrating a functional program as part of a product concept 	
Knowledge	Technical	To understand that in programming a 'loop' is code that repeats something again and again until stopped	 To know that accelerometers can detect movement To understand that sensors can be useful in products as they mean the product can function without human input 	



	 To know that a Microbit is a pocket-sized, codeable computer Writing a program to control (button press) and/or monitor (sense light) that will initiate a flashing LED algorithm 	
Additional	 To know what the 'Digital Revolution' is and features of some of the products that have evolved as a result To know that in Design and technology the term 'smart' means a programmed product To know the difference between analogue and digital technologies To understand what is meant by 'point of sale display' To know that CAD stands for Computer-aided design 	 To know that designers write design briefs and develop design criteria to enable them to fulfil a client's request To know that 'multifunctional' means an object or product has more than one function To know that magnetometers are devices that measure the Earth's magnetic field to determine which direction you are facing