

Knowledge Progression in Design & Technology

Key Knowledge Area: Food & Nutrition

Throughout t	heir school care	er, a North Dow	ns pupil will			
Foundation	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year5	Year 6
Begin to	Use senses to	Describe properties of	Start to understand	Use some of the	Know, explain and	Know, explain and
understand and	describe the texture	ingredients and the	seasonality; able to	following	give examples of food	give examples of food
use senses.	of foods.	importance of a varied	match foods to their	techniques: peeling,	that is grown, reared	that is grown, reared
		diet.	growing season.	chopping, slicing	and caught in the UK	and caught in Europe
Understand the	Understand that all			mashing, whisking,		and the Wider World.
need for variety in	food comes from	Identify where food	Explain that a healthy	mixing, spreading,	Understand about	
food.	plants or animals.	comes from (animal or	diet is made up of a	grating, kneading	seasonality and how	Explain and plan
		plant).	variety and balance of	and baking.	this may affect the	recipes according to
Begin to	Name and sort foods		different food and		food availability.	seasonality.
understand healthy	into the five groups	Understand that food	drink.	With support, use a		
eating.	(Eatwell Guide).	has to be farmed,		heat source to cook	Understand that food	Learn about food
		grown elsewhere (e.g.	Explain how food and	ingredients showing	is processed into	processing methods.
Taste and	Understand that	home) or caught.	drink are needed for	awareness of the	ingredients.	
experience a	everyone should eat		active/healthy bodies.	need to control the		Describe some of the
variety of foods.	at least five portions	Explain where in the		temperature of the	Explain that foods	different substances
	of fruit and	world different foods	Identify ways to cook	hob and/or oven.	contain different	in food and drink, and
Understand how to	vegetables every day.	originate from and	safely and give		substances, such as	how they can affect
be safe and		sample a range of	examples of good	Design and create	protein, that are	health.
hygienic with food.	Know to wash hands	foods from around the	hygiene practice for	interesting ways to	needed for health.	
	and clean surfaces	world.	cooking.	present their		Demonstrate how to
Begin to	before working with			product.	Describe how recipes	prepare and cook a
understand some	food.	Explain the term 'five	Understand how to		can be adapted to	variety of
food preparation		a day' and give	prepare and cook a		change appearance,	predominantly
tools, techniques	Design and make a	examples.	variety of		taste, texture and	savoury dishes safely
and processes.	healthy dish.		predominantly		aroma.	and hygienically
		Explain hygiene and	savoury dishes.			including, where
Practise some basic	Uses own creative	maintain a hygienic			Explain how to be	appropriate, the use
cooking skills, such	ideas to decorate	kitchen.	Plan and cook a		safe/hygienic when	of a heat source.
as stirring, mixing,	food.		variety of dishes,		working with food and	

pouring, blending		Design and prepare	using their knowledge	demonstrate how to	Apply knowledge of
and chopping	Practise cutting,	dishes (linked to their	of the Eatwell Guide.	prepare and cook a	food substances, suc
	peeling and grating,	knowledge of the		variety of	as gluten, to plan and
	safely and with	Eatwell Guide).	Prepare ingredients	predominantly	prepare suitable and
	support.	Practise cutting,	using appropriate	savoury dishes safely	purposeful dishes.
		peeling and grating	cooking utensils.	and hygienically	
		with increasing		including, where	Adapt and refine
		confidence.	Measure and weigh	appropriate, the use	recipes by adding or
			ingredients to the	of a heat source.	substituting one or
			nearest gram and		more ingredients to
			millilitre.	Measure accurately	change the
				and calculate ratios of	appearance, taste,
			Use a range of	ingredients.	texture and aroma.
			techniques with	Independently follow	
			growing confidence,	a recipe.	Use the following
			such as peeling,	·	techniques
			chopping, slicing	Use the following	confidently: peeling,
			mashing, whisking,	techniques: peeling,	chopping, slicing
			mixing, spreading,	chopping, slicing	mashing, whisking,
			grating, kneading and	mashing, whisking,	mixing, spreading,
			baking.	mixing, spreading,	grating, kneading ar
				grating, kneading and	baking.
			Use interesting ideas	baking.	
			to make their product	_	Alter methods,
			look attractive.	Demonstrate how to	cooking times and/o
				use a range of cooking	temperature/s.
				techniques, such as	•
				griddling, grilling,	Present product wel
				frying and boiling.	ensuring that it look
				Present product well,	interesting, attractiv
				ensuring that it looks	and is fit for purpose
				interesting, attractive,	
				and is fit for purpose.	

Key Knowledge Area: Design
Throughout their school career, a North Downs pupil will...

Foundation	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year5	Year 6
Select appropriate	Form own design	Form own design	Begin to research	Use research for	Use the internet and	Draw on market
resources.	ideas.	ideas and plan what to	others' needs/ideas.	design ideas.	questionnaires for	research to inform
		do next.			research and design	design.
Use gestures,	Explain what I want		Show that design	Show that the design	ideas.	
discussion and	to do/create.	Explain what I want to	meets a range of	meets a range of		Use research of user's
arrangements of		do/create and	requirements/criteria.	requirements and is	Take a 'user's view'	individual needs,
materials and	Explain the purpose	describe possible		fit for purpose.	into account when	wants, requirements
components to	of the product, and	processes.	Be able to describe		designing.	for design.
show design.	how it will work.		the purpose of the	Begin to create own		
		Explain the purpose of	product.	design criteria. Have	Begin to consider	Identify features of
Use contexts set by	Use pictures and	the product, how it		at least one idea	needs/wants of	design that will appeal
the teacher and my	words to plan, and	will work and how it	Follow a given design	about how to create	individuals/groups	to the intended user.
own interests.	begin to use models.	will be suitable for the	criteria. Have at least	the product and	when designing.	Constant desire
lles les este ef	Daniem a muselmat for	user.	one idea about how to	suggest	Fu accusa de la fit	Create own design
Use language of	Design a product for	Describe design value	create the product.	improvements for	Ensure product is fit	criteria and
designing and	myself, following a	Describe design using	Croata a plan which	design.	for purpose.	specifications.
making (join, build,	design criteria. Research similar	pictures, words, models and diagrams,	Create a plan which shows order,	Produce a plan and	Create own design	Come up with
shape, longer, shorter, heavier	existing products.	and begin to use ICT.	equipment and tools	explain it to others.	criteria. Have a range	innovative design
etc.)	existing products.	and begin to use ici.	required.	explain it to others.	of ideas for design.	ideas.
Ctc.)		Design products for	required.	Discuss how realistic	or lucas for design.	lucas.
		myself and others,	Describe and explain	the plan is. Include	Produce a logical,	Follow and refine a
		following a design	design using an	an annotated sketch	realistic plan and	logical plan.
		criteria.	accurately labelled	in the design	explain it to others.	
			sketch and	process.		Use annotated
		Choose effective tools	annotations.	•	Use cross-sectional	sketches, cross-
		and materials, and		Make and explain	planning and	sectional planning and
		explain choices.	Make design decisions	design decisions	annotated sketches.	exploded diagrams.
			with some	considering		Make design
		Use knowledge of	independence.	availability of	Make design decisions	decisions, considering
		existing products to		resources.	considering	resources and costing.
		produce ideas.	Explain how the		production time and	
			product will work.	Explain how the	resources.	Clearly explain how
				product will work.		parts of design will

	Make a	Make a	Clearly explain how	work, and how they
	prototype/model.	prototype/model.	parts of the product	are fit for purpose.
			will work.	
	Begin to use	Use computer/ICT to		Independently model
	computer/ICT to show	show design.	Model and refine	and refine design
	design.		design ideas by	ideas by making
			making	prototypes/models
			prototypes/models	and using pattern
			and using pattern	pieces.
			pieces.	
				Use computer-aided
			Begin to use computer	designs with greater
			aided designs.	independence and
				confidence.

Key Knowledge Area: Make
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Construct with a	Explain what I'm	Explain what I am	Select suitable	Select suitable tools	Use selected	Use selected tools and
purpose, using a	making and the	making and how/why	tools/equipment and	and equipment and	tools/equipment with	equipment precisely
variety of tools and	purpose.	it fits the purpose.	explain choices. Begin	explain choices in	a good level of	and accurately.
resources.		Make suggestions as	to use	relation to required	precision.	
	Consider what I need	to what I need to do	tools/equipment	techniques.		Produce suitable lists
Use simple tools	to do next.	next.	accurately.		Produce suitable lists	of tools, equipment,
and techniques.				Use tools/equipment	of tools,	materials needed,
	Select	Join	Select appropriate	accurately and with	equipment/materials	considering possible
Build / construct	tools/equipment to	materials/components	materials, fit for	some independence.	needed.	constraints.
with a wide range	cut, shape, join,	in a variety of ways.	purpose.			
of objects.	finish and explain			Select appropriate	Select appropriate	Select appropriate
	choices made.	With support,	Follow a plan in order.	materials that are fit	materials, fit for	materials, fit for
Select tools &		measure, mark out,		for purpose, and	purpose and explain	purpose; explain
techniques to	Measure, mark out,	cut and shape	Consider how good	explain choices.	choices - considering	choices - considering
shape, assemble	cut and shape, with	materials and	the product will be.		functionality.	functionality and
and join.	support.	components.		Follow a plan in		aesthetics.
			Begin to measure,	order.	Create and follow	
Replicate	Choose suitable	Describe which tools	mark out, cut and		detailed step-by-step	Create, follow, and
structures using	materials and explain	they are using and	shape	Consider the	plans.	adapt detailed stepby-
different materials	choices.	why.	materials/components	expected quality of		step plans.
and objects.			with some accuracy.	the finished product.		

	Use some finishing	Choose suitable			Explain how the	Explain how the
Discuss how to	techniques to make	materials and explain	Begin to assemble,	Measure, mark out,	product will appeal to	product will appeal to
make an activity	the product	choices depending on	join and combine	cut and shape	an audience.	the audience.
safe and hygienic.	aesthetically	characteristics.	materials and	materials/	Measure, mark out,	
Record experiences	pleasing.		components with	components with	cut and shape	Make changes to
by drawing,		Use finishing	some accuracy.	some accuracy.	materials/components	improve the quality of
writing, and	Work in a safe and	techniques to make			with greater accuracy.	the product.
through recorded	hygienic manner.	the product	Begin to apply a range	Assemble, join and		
discussions.		aesthetically pleasing.	of finishing techniques	combine materials	Assemble, join and	Accurately measure,
Understand			with some accuracy.	and components	combine	mark out, cut and
different media can		Work safely and		with some accuracy.	materials/components	shape
be combined for a		hygienically.			with greater accuracy.	materials/components
purpose.				Apply a range of		
				finishing techniques	Apply a range of	Accurately assemble,
				with some accuracy.	finishing techniques	join and combine
					with greater accuracy.	materials/components
					Use techniques that	Accurately apply a
					involve a small	range of finishing
					number of steps.	techniques.
					Begin to be	Use techniques that
					resourceful with	involve multiple steps.
					practical problems.	
						Be resourceful with
						practical problems.

Key Knowledge Area: Evaluate
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Adapt work if	Talk about my	Describe what went	Look at design criteria	Refer to design	Evaluate quality of	Evaluate quality of
necessary.	product, linking it to	well, reflecting on	while designing and	criteria while	design while designing	design while designing
	what they were	design criteria.	making.	designing and	and making.	and making; is it fit for
	asked to do.			making.		purpose?
Dismantle, examine		Talk about existing	Use design criteria to		Evaluate ideas and	
and talk about	Talk about existing	products considering:	evaluate the finished	Use design criteria to	finished product	Keep checking the
	products considering:	use, materials, how	product.	evaluate product and	against specification,	quality and

existing	use, materials, how	they work, audience,		the design and	considering purpose	effectiveness of the
objects/structures.	they work, audience,	where they might be	Say what I would	making process.	and appearance.	design/product.
	where they might be	used and express	change to make			
Consider and	used.	personal opinion.	design/product better.	Begin to explain how	Test and evaluate the	Evaluate ideas and
manage some risks.				I could improve	final product.	finished product
	Talk about existing	Evaluate the	Begin to evaluate	original design.		against specification,
Practise some	products, and say	effectiveness/success	existing products,		Evaluate and discuss	stating if it's fit for
appropriate safety	what is and isn't	of existing products.	considering: how well	Evaluate existing	existing products,	purpose.
measures	effective/successful.		they have been made,	products,	considering: how well	
independently.		Talk about what I	materials, whether	considering: how	they've been made,	Test and evaluate the
	Talk about products	would do differently if	they work, how they	well they've been	materials, whether	final product; explain
Talk about how	that other people	I were to do it again	have been made,	made, materials,	they work, how they	how to improve it and
things work.	have made.	and why.	whether they are fit	whether they work,	have been made,	the effect different
			for purpose.	how they have been	whether fit for	resources may have
Look at similarities	Begin to talk about			made, whether they	purpose.	had on the final
and differences	how to improve the		Begin to understand	are fit for purpose.		product.
between existing	product.		by whom, when and		Consider how much	
objects, materials,			where products were	Discuss by whom,	products cost to make	Do thorough
and/or tools.			designed.	when and where	and evaluate how	evaluations of existing
				products were	innovative they are.	products, considering:
Show an interest in			Learn about some	designed.	Research how	how well they've been
technological toys.			inventors/designers/		sustainable materials	made, materials,
			engineers/chefs/	Research whether	are.	whether they work,
Describe and			manufacturers of	products can be		how they've been
compare textures.			ground-breaking	recycled or reused.	Talk about some key	made, whether fit for
			products.	Know/identify some	inventors/designers/	purpose.
				inventors/designers/	engineers/	
				engineers/chefs/	chefs/manufacturers	Find out how much
				manufacturers of	of ground-breaking	products cost to make
				ground breaking	products.	and evaluate how
				products.		innovative they are.
						Research and discuss
						how sustainable
						materials are.
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Key Knowledge Area: Technical Knowledge
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Foundation	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year5	Year 6
	Materials and	Materials and	Materials and	Materials and	Materials and	Materials and
	Structures	Structures	Structures	Structures Measure	Structures	Structures
	Begin to measure	Measure materials.	Use appropriate	carefully to avoid	Select materials	Select materials
	and join materials,		materials. Work	mistakes.	carefully, considering	carefully, considering
	with some support.	Describe some	accurately to make		intended use of	intended use of the
		different	cuts and holes.	Attempt to make the	product and	product, the
	Describe differences	characteristics of		product	appearance.	aesthetics and
	in materials.	materials.	Join materials using	strong/stiff/stable.		functionality.
		Join materials using	different methods.		Explain how the	
	Suggest ways to	different methods.		Continue working on	product meets design	Explain how the
	make		Begin to make	product with	criteria.	product meets design
	material/product	Use joining, rolling or	strong/stiff/stable	resilience, working		criteria.
	stronger/stiffer/more	folding to make it	structures.	through problems	Measure accurately	
	stable.	stronger/stiffer/more		faced/design	enough to ensure	Reinforce and
		stable.	Select appropriate	failures.	precision.	strengthen a 3D
	Mechanisms		tools / techniques.			frame.
	Begin to use levers or	Use own ideas to try		Make a strong, stiff	Ensure the product is	
	slides.	to make the product	Make alterations to	structure.	strong and fit for	Refine the product
		stronger/stiffer/more	the product, when		purpose.	after testing,
	Textiles	stable.	required, to improve	Select most		considering
	With some support,		the quality and	appropriate tools /	Begin to reinforce and	aesthetics,
	measure, cut and join		effectiveness.	techniques.	strengthen a 3D	functionality and
	textiles to make a				frame.	purpose.
	product. Choose	Mechanisms	Mechanisms			

suitable textiles for a	Use levers or slides.	Begin to try	Explain alterations to	Refine product after	Mechanisms
product.	Begin to understand	new/different ideas.	the product after	testing.	Incorporate hydraulics
	how to use wheels		checking it.		and pneumatics.
	and axles.	Use simple lever and		Mechanisms	
		linkages to create	Mechanisms	Show confidence	Confidently try new /
	Textiles	movement.	Grow in confidence	about trying new /	different ideas.
	Measure textiles.		about trying new /	different ideas.	
		Textiles	different ideas.		Use cams, pulleys and
	Join textiles to make a	Join textiles in a		Begin to use cams,	gears to create
	product, and explain	variety of ways.	Use levers and	pulleys or gears to	movement.
	the making process.		linkages to create	create movement.	
	Carefully cut textiles	Choose textiles	movement.	T. 19.	Textiles
	to produce accurate	considering		Textiles	Think about the user's
	pieces. Explain choices of textile.	appearance and	Use pneumatics to	Think about the user and aesthetics when	wants/needs and aesthetics when
	or textile.	functionality.	create movement.		
	Begin to understand	Understand that a	Textiles	choosing textiles.	choosing textiles.
	that a 3D textile	simple fabric shape	Think about the user	Use own template.	Make the product
	structure can be made	can be used to make a	when choosing	Think about how to	attractive and strong.
	from two identical	3D textiles project.	textiles.	make the product	attractive and strong.
	fabric shapes.	35 textiles project.	textiles.	strong and more	Make a prototype.
	Tabile strapes:	Electrical Systems	Think about how to	aesthetically pleasing.	make a prototype.
		Use a simple circuit in	make the product	accuration, presenta	Use a range of joining
		a product. Learn how	strong. Begin to	Begin to use a range	techniques.
		to program a	devise a template.	of joining techniques.	'
		computer to control a	·		Think about how the
		product.	Explain how to join	Begin to understand	product might be sold.
			things in a different	that a single 3D	
			way.	textiles project can be	Think carefully about
				made from a	what would improve
			Understand that a	combination of fabric	the product.
			simple fabric shape	shapes.	
			can be used to make		Understand that a
			a 3D textiles project.	Electrical Systems	single 3D textiles
				Incorporate a switch	project can be made
			Electrical Systems	in the product.	from a combination of
			Use a number of	Confidently use a	fabric shapes.
				number of	

		components in a	components in a	Electrical Systems
		circuit.	circuit.	Use different types of
				circuit in the product.
		Program a computer	Begin to be able to	
		to control the	program a computer	Think of ways in which
		product.	to monitor changes in	adding a circuit would
			the environment and	improve the product.
			to control the	
			product.	Program a computer
				to monitor changes in
				the environment and
				to control the
				product.