

Key DT skills

DT skills should be taught through projects where possible to ensure real world application.

DT Non-negotiables • Devel

- Develop creative, technical and practical expertise to problem solve.
- Design and make high quality prototypes and products for a range of users.
- Critique, evaluate and test ideas and products.
- Understand and apply the principles of nutrition.

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Design	Use criteria to	Design and	Design and	Use research	Use research	Use research	Use research
	design and	make	make	to develop the	and develop	and develop	and exploration
Developing,	make	purposeful and	purposeful,	design of	design criteria	design criteria	to identify and
planning and	purposeful,	functional	functional and	functional and	to design	to design	understand
communicating	functional	products.	appealing	appealing	functional and	innovative,	user needs
ideas.	items.		products.	products.	appealing	functional and	when
		Generate,			products that	appealing	designing a
	Make pictures	develop, model	Generate,	With growing	are fit for	products that	product.
	of their design	and	develop, model	confidence	purpose.	are fit for	
	saying what	communicate	and	generate ideas		purpose and	Generate,
	they want to	their ideas	communicate	for an item,	Start to	aimed at	develop, model
	make.	through talking,	their ideas	considering its	generate ideas,	particular	and
		drawing,	through talking,	purpose.	linking	groups or	communicate
	Critique and	templates,	drawing,		mathematics	individuals.	their ideas
	redraft the	mock ups and	templates,	Start to order	and science.		through
	product when	where	mock ups and	the main		Start to	discussions,
	necessary.	appropriate,	where	stages of	Confidently	generate,	annotated
		information and	appropriate,	making a	make labelled	develop, model	sketches, cross
		communication	information and	product.	drawings from	and	sectional and
		technology.	communication		different views	communicate	exploded
			technology.	Identify a	showing	their ideas	diagrams,
		Begin to draw	37	purpose and	specific	through	prototypes and
		on their own	Start to	establish		discussions,	

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Foundation	experiences to help generate ideas. Begin to understand the development of existing products. What they are for, how they work, materials used. Started to suggest idea and explain what they are	generate ideas by drawing on their own and other people's experiences. Begin to develop their ideas through discussion, observation, drawing and modelling. Identify a purpose for what they	criteria for a successful product. Start to understand whether products can be recycled or reused. Record and plan by drawing labeled sketches or writing and	Year 4 features. Develop clear ideas through planning how to use the materials, equipment and processes. Identify strengths and areas for development for their products.	Year 5 annotated sketches, cross sectional and exploded diagrams, prototypes and pattern pieces. Confidently apply a range of finishing techniques. With growing confidence select appropriate material, tools	Year 6 pattern pieces. Accurately apply a range of finishing techniques. Plan the order of their learning choosing appropriate tools and techniques. Identify
	going to do.	intend to design and make based in the criteria.	discuss this while working. Explain choices of materials and components.	and techniques. Start to understand how much products cost to make, how sustainable they are.	strengths n dares of development in their products and ideas. Know how much products cost to make, how sustainable they are.	

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	Learn about inventors, designers, engineers, chefs and manufactures why have developed ground breaking products.								
Make	Use the correct	Select from and	Select tools,	Select a wider	Select a wider	Select	Confidently		
Working with	tools for the	use a range of	equipment and	range of tools	range of tools	appropriate	select		
tools,	job.	tools and	materials to	and techniques	and techniques	materials, tools	appropriate		
•	Know the tools	equipment to	perform	for making	for making	and techniques	tools, materials		
equipment,		perform	practical task.	their product	their products	e.g. Cutting,	and		
materials and	they are using.	practical tasks.	Use the correct	i.e.	safely.	shaping,	components		
components to	Use equipment	Design to market		construction		joining and	and techniques		
make quality		Begin to make	vocabulary to	materials and		finishing	and use them.		
products.	safely.	their own	name and	kits, textiles,	Know how to	accurately.			
-		design using	describe them.	food			Assemble		
		appropriate	E.g. spoons,	ingredient,	mark,	Begin to select	components to		
		techniques.	cups, needles,	mechanical	measure, cut	from and use a	make working		
			yarn, scissors,	components	and shape a	wider range of	models.		
			saws and drills.	and electrical	range of	materials and	.		
				components.	materials,	components	Aim to make		
		Use given tools	Select materials		using	including	and to achieve		
		for a variety of	from a wide	Explain their	appropriate	construction	a quality.		
		tasks e.g. knife,	range of	choice of tools	tools	materials,			
		grater,	materials and	and equipment	equipment and	textiles and	With		
		chopping board,	components	in relation to	techniques	ingredients	confidence pin,		
		scissors,	e.g.	the skills and		taking into	sew and stitch		
		needles, pins,	Construction	techniques	Join and	account their	materials		
		scissors,	materials,	they will be	combine a	aesthetic	together to		
		templates, glue	textiles and	using.	range of	properties.	create a		
		and tape.	ingredients.		materials,		product.		
				Strat to	some with	Understand			
		Begin to	Measure, cut	understand	temporary,	how	Construct		
		assemble, join	and score with	that technical	fixed or	mechanical	products using		
		and combine	some accuracy.	systems such	moving	systems such	permeant		
		materials and	Learn to use	as leers and	components.	as cams,	joining		
		components	hand tools	linkages create		pulleys or	techniques.		
		using a variety	safely and	, J	Know how	gears create			

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	of temporary methods e.g. Glues or masking tape. Explore ideas by rearranging materials e.g. paper, card, ingredients, fabrics, sequins, buttons, tubes, dowel, cotton reels, paper, card and moldable materials.	appropriately. Assemble, join and combine materials in order to make a product. Demonstrate how to cut, shape and join fabrics to make simple product. Use basic sewing techniques.	movement. Measure mark out, cut, score and assemble components with more accurately. Start to measure, tape, pin, and cut and join fabric with some accuracy. Think ahead about the order of their work and plan tools and materials needed. E.g. Weighing scales, glue gun, ruler.	mechanical systems such as cams, pulleys or gears create movements. Understand how more complex electrical circuits and components can be used to create functional products. Understand how to reinforce and strengthen a 3D framework. Sew using a range of different stitches to weave and knit.	movements. Understand that mechanical and electrical systems have an input, process and output. Weigh and measure accurately (time, dry ingredients, liquids) Use finishing techniques to strengthen and improve the appearance of products.	Understand how mechanical systems such as cams, pulleys or gears create movements. Know how to reinforce and strengthen a 3D framework. Use finishing techniques to strengthen and improve the appearance of products.

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					how to measure, tape, pin, cut and join fabric with some accuracy.		
Technical knowledge	 Build structures using different materials. Begin to make suggestions to make structures stronger and more stable. Begin to explore mechanisms such as levers, wheels and axels. 	Build structures and investigate how they can be made more stable. Create models with wheels and axels. Insert paper fasteners for card linkages.	Build structures and investigate how they can be made stronger, stiffer and more stable. Use a range of materials to create models with wheels, axels. Levers of sliders. Investigate temporary, fixed and moving joints.	Create shell or frame structures and make structures more stable. Join and combine materials with temporary, fixed or moving joining. Incorporate a circuit with a bulb or buzzer into a model.	Prototype shell or frame structures. Strengthen frames with diagonal struts. Use lolly sticks/card to make levers and linkages.	Build frameworks using a range of materials e.g. wood, corrugated card, plastic to support mechanisms. Use linkages to make movement larger or more varied. Incorporate motor and a switch into a model.	Build complex frameworks using a range of materials to support mechanisms. Use a CAM to make an up and down mechanism. Control a model using an ICT control programme.

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Evaluate	Say what they	Start to	Evaluate own	Start to	Evaluate their	Start to	Evaluate their
	like and dislike	evaluate their	learning against	evaluate their	products	evaluate their	products,
	about products	product by	the design	product against	carrying out	product against	identifying
	that are	discussing how	criteria.	original design	appropriate	original design	strengths and
	already known.	well it works in		criteria.	tests.	criteria and by	areas for
		relation to the	Look at a range			carrying out	development
	Begin to say	purpose.	of existing	Begin to	Check their	tests.	and carrying
	how they could		products,	dissemble and	work as it		out appropriate
	improve a	Say what they	explain what	evaluate	develops and	Start to	teste.
	product	like and do not	they like/dislike	familiar	modify	evaluate a	
	offering own	like about	and why.	products and	approach in	product against	Record their
	ideas.	existing		consider the	light of	Show a clear	evaluations
		products.	Talk about their	views of other	progress.	understanding	using drawing
			developing	to improve		of the	and labels.
		Consider and	designs and	them.	Discuss how	specification	
		explain how the	identify good		well their	and use this to	Test, evaluate
		finished product	points and	Evaluate how	product meets	inform	and refine
		could be	areas to	key events and	the design	decisions.	ideas and
		improved.	improve	individuals in	criteria and the		products
			throughout the	design and	needs of the	Justify	against a
			design process.	technology	user.	decisions about	specification.
				have helped		materials and	
				shape the	Evaluate how	methods of	Justify
				world.	key events and	construction.	decisions made
					individuals in		during the
				Identify	design and	Evaluate	design process.
				strengths and	technology	products and	
				areas to	have helped	use of	Evaluate
				improve in	shape the	information	products and
				their own	world.	sources.	use of
				design.			information
						Evaluate how	sources
				Identify what		key events and	throughout the
				does and does		individuals in	process and

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				not work in the product.		design and technology have helped shape the world.	use this to inform planning. Evaluate how key events and individuals in design and technology have helped shape the world.
Food and nutrition		Begin to understand that all food come from plants or animals. Explore the understanding that food has to be farmed, grown elsewhere (e.g. home) or caught. Start to understand how to name and sort food into	Understand that all food come from plants or animals. Know that food has to be farmed, grown elsewhere (e.g. home) or caught. Know how to name and sort food into the five groups in `The Eat well plate'.	Start to know that food is grown (such as tomatoes, wheat and potatoes) reared (such as, chickens and cattle) and caught (such as fish) in the UK, Europe and the wider world.	Understand that food is grown (such as tomatoes, wheat and potatoes) reared (such as, chickens and cattle) and caught (such as fish) in the UK, Europe and the wider world. Understand how to prepare	Understand that food is grown (such as tomatoes, wheat and potatoes) reared (such as, chickens and cattle) and caught (such as fish) in the UK, Europe and the wider world. Begin to understand that seasons may affect the	Know that food is grown (such as tomatoes, wheat and potatoes) reared (such as, chickens and cattle) and caught (such as fish) in the UK, Europe and the wider world. Understand that seasons may affect the food available. Understand

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	the five groups	Know that	and cook a	and cook a	food available.	how food is
	in 'The Eat well	everyone	variety of	variety of		processed into
	plate'.	should eat at	predominantly	predominantly	Understand	ingredients
		least five	savory dishes	savory dishes	how food is	that can be
	Begin to	portions of fruit	safely and	safely and	processed into	eaten or used
	understand that	and vegetables	hygienically	hygienically	ingredients	in cooking.
	everyone	every day.	including,	including,	that can be	
	should eat at		where	where	eaten or used	
	least five	Demonstrate	appropriate the	appropriate the	in cooking.	
	portions of fruit	how to prepare	use of a heat	use of a heat		Know how-to
	and vegetables	simple dishes	source.	source.	Know how-to	prepare and
	every day.	safely and			prepare and	cook a variety
		hygienically	Begin to	Know how to	cook a variety	of
	Know how to	without using a	understand	use range of	of	predominantly
	prepare simple	heat source.	how to use	techniques	predominantly	savory dishes
	dishes safely		range of	such as	savory dishes	safely and
	and hygienically	Demonstrate	techniques	peeling,	safely and	hygienically
	without using a	how to use	such as	chopping,	hygienically	including,
	heat source,	techniques such	peeling,	rating, slicing,	including,	where
	Know how to	as cutting,	chopping,	mixing,	where	appropriate,
	use techniques	peeling and	rating, slicing,	spreading,	appropriate,	the use of a
	such as cutting,	grating.	mixing,	kneading and	the use of a	heat source.
	peeling and		spreading,	baking.	heat source.	
	grating.		kneading and		_	Understand
			baking.	Know that	Start to	how to use
				healthy diet is	understand	range of
			Start to	made up from	how to use	techniques
			understand	a variety and	range of	such as
			that healthy	balance of	techniques	peeling,
			diet is made up	different food	such as	chopping,
			from a variety	and drink, as	peeling,	rating, slicing,
			and balance of	depicted in	chopping,	mixing,
			different food	`The EAT well	rating, slicing,	spreading,
			and drink, as		mixing,	kneading and

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		Tear 2	depicted in 'The EAT well plate'. Begin to now that to be active and healthy, food and drink are needed to	plate'. Know that to be active and healthy, food and drink are needed to provide energy for the body.	spreading, kneading and baking. Begin to understand that different food and drink contain different	baking. Know that different food and drink contain different substance – nutrients, water and fibre
			provide energy for the body.		substance – nutrients, water and fibre – that are needed for health.	 that are needed for health.