

Design and Technology Curriculum

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	Key Vocabulary- beam, column, slab, automatically, fluency, accurate, inspiration, purpose, user		
Milestones	 Threshold Concepts Master practical skills. Materials Cut materials safely using tools provided. Measure and mark out to the nearest centimeter. Demonstrate a range of cutting and shaping techniques (such as tearing, cutting, folding and curling). Demonstrate a range of joining techniques (such as gluing, hinges or combining materials to strengthen). Construction Use materials to practise drilling, screwing, gluing and nailing materials to make and strengthen products. Design, make, evaluate and improve Design products that have a clear purpose and an intended user. Make products, refining the design as work progresses. Use software to design. Take inspiration from design throughout history Explore objects and designs to identify likes and dislikes of the designs. Suggest improvements to existing designs. Explore how products have been created. 	 Threshold Concepts Master practical skills Materials Cut materials safely using tools provided. Measure and mark out to the nearest centimetre. Demonstrate a range of cutting and shaping techniques (such as tearing, cutting, folding and curling). Demonstrate a range of joining techniques (such as gluing, hinges or combining materials to strengthen). Mechanics Create products using levers, wheels and winding mechanisms. Design, make, evaluate and improve Design products that have a clear purpose and an intended user. Make products, refining the design as work progresses. Use software to design. Take inspiration from design throughout history Explore objects and designs to identify likes and dislikes of the designs. Suggest improvements to existing designs. Explore how products have been created. 	 Threshold Concepts Master practical skills Materials Cut materials safely using tools provided. Measure and mark out to the nearest centimetre. Demonstrate a range of cutting and shaping techniques (such as tearing, cutting, folding and curling). Demonstrate a range of joining techniques (such as gluing, hinges or combining materials to strengthen). Textiles Shape textiles using templates. Join textiles using running stitch. Colour and decorate textiles using a number of techniques (such as dyeing, adding sequins or printing). Computing Model designs using software. Design products that have a clear purpose and an intended user. Make products, refining the design as work progresses. Use software to design. Take inspiration from design throughout history Explore objects and designs to identify likes and dislikes of the designs. Suggest improvements to existing designs. Explore how products have been created.
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	 Design process: think, make, break, repeat Think: product design Key Vocabulary- purpose, inspiration, materials, intended user, features, techniques, product 1.4 Lever Mechanisms (pages 99-114) Lever mechanisms: finger fluency Lever mechanisms: design inspiration Lever mechanisms: guided design-think Lever mechanisms: guided design-break 	 Wheels and axels: finger fluency Wheels and axels: design inspiration Wheels and axels: guided design- think Wheels and axels: guided design- re-think Key Vocabulary- mechanism, rotating, force, attach, chassis, automatically, fluency 	Join textiles using running stitch Colour and decorate textiles using a number of techniques (such as dyeing, adding sequins or printing) • Textiles: finger fluency • Textiles: design inspiration • Textiles: guided design-think • Textiles: guided design break • Textiles: guided design-re- think Suggested activities- bunting, fabric faces, small cushion. Key Vocabulary- fabric, cotton, linen, dye, tie dye, attach, pattern, embroidery, thread, applique
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Year 3	 Introduction Unit 2.1 What is design and Technology? (pages 169-172) Design process: think, make, break, repeat Think: product design Linked Levers/ Frame structures 2.4 Linked levers (pages 209-224) Linked levers: finger fluency Linked levers: design inspiration Linked levers: guided design- think Linked levers: guided design- break Linked levers: guided design- break Linked levers: guided design- think 	Textiles Threshold concepts -understand the need for a seam allowance -join textiles with appropriate stitching • Textiles: finger fluency • Textiles: design inspiration • Textiles: guided design-think • Textiles: guided design break • Textiles: guided design break • Textiles: guided design-re-think Key Vocabulary- seam, fabric, cotton, linen, dye, tie dye, attach, pattern, embroidery, thread, applique	 2.2 App control (pages 173-189) App control: finger fluency App control: design inspiration App control: guided design-think App control: guided designbreak App control: guided designre-think Key Vocabulary- device, app-enabled, respond, automatically, fluency, inspiration, purpose, user



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Milestones	 Threshold Concepts Master practical skills Materials Cut materials accurately and safely by selecting appropriate tools. Measure and mark out to the nearest millimeter. Apply appropriate cutting and shaping techniques that include cuts within the perimeter of the material (such as slots or cut outs). Select appropriate joining techniques. Construction Choose suitable techniques to construct products or to repair items. Strengthen materials using suitable techniques. Mechanics Use scientific knowledge of the transference of forces to choose appropriate mechanisms for a product (such as levers, winding mechanisms, pulleys and gears). Design, make, evaluate and improve Design with purpose by identifying opportunities to design. Make products by working efficiently (such as by carefully selecting materials). Refine work and techniques as work progresses, continually evaluating the product design. Use software to design and represent product designs. Take inspiration from design throughout history Identify some of the great designers in all of the areas of study (including pioneers in horticultural techniques) to generate ideas for designs. Improve upon existing designs, giving reasons for choices. 	Threshold Concepts Master practical skills Materials Cut materials accurately and safely by selecting appropriate tools. Measure and mark out to the nearest millimeter. Apply appropriate cutting and shaping techniques that include cuts within the perimeter of the material (such as slots or cut outs). Select appropriate joining techniques. Textiles Understand the need for a seam allowance. Join textiles with appropriate stitching Select the most appropriate techniques to decorate textiles.	Threshold Concepts Master practical skills Electrics and Computing Create products with series and parallel circuits. Control and monitor models using apps designed for this purpose



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Year 4	 Introduction Unit 2.1 What is design and Technology? (pages 169-172) Design process: think, make, break, repeat Think: product design Paper circuits or shell structures (see cycle A) 2.7 Shell structures (pages 259-276) Shell structures: finger fluency Shell structures: using CAD Shell structures: design inspiration Shell structures: guided design- think Shell structures: guided design- break Shell structures: guided design- re-think Key Vocabulary- variety, purpose, contain, conjunction, external, automatically, fluency, aspects, component parts, coordinates, assembles, inspiration, purpose, user 2.3 Paper circuits (pages 191-207) Paper circuits: finger fluency 	 2.5 Pneumatics (pages 225-241) Pneumatics: operation Pneumatics: finger fluency Pneumatics: guided design-think Pneumatics: guided design-break Pneumatics: guided design-re-think Key Vocabulary- pneumatic, compressed, pressure, hydraulic, piston, hollow cylinder, reciprocating, automatically, fluency 	Textiles Threshold concepts -understand the need for a seam allowance -join textiles with appropriate stitching -select the most appropriate techniques to decorate textiles • Textiles: finger fluency • Textiles: design inspiration • Textiles: guided design-think • Textiles: guided design break • Textiles: guided design break • Textiles: guided design-re- think Key Vocabulary- seam, fabric, cotton, linen, dye, tie dye, attach, pattern, embroidery, thread, applique



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			• AI: force sensors



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