DT Key Concepts Progression

| Mechanisms | | | | | |
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| | EYFS | KS1 | LKS2 | UKS2 | |
| Systems | To explore systems in toys e.g. pop up books within continuous provision. | To explore existing mechanisms (wheels and axles, slider and levers). | To explore levers and linkages. | To explore pulleys and gears. | |
| Motion | To understand how to manipulate items (pushing toys forwards and backwards) within continuous provision. | A product that moves forwards and backwards. | A product that moves up, down or left and right. | A product driven by an electrical system. | |
| Joining | Exploring a variety of joining techniques to understand cause and effect (glue, tape, hole puncher, stapler, treasury tags, split pins) within continuous provision. | To fix wheels securely to an axle using a fixed joint. | To use split pins to support making a pivot joint. | Mixture of joints (paper fasteners, elastic bands, glue). | |

| | | Textiles | | |
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| Joining | Safely use and explore a variety of tools and techniques. Exploring a variety of joining techniques to understand cause and effect (glue, tape, hole puncher, stapler, treasury tags, split pins) within continuous provision. | To use a running stitch. | To explore a variety of stitches. | To use a variety of stitches and select appropriate technique to join. |
| Embellishment | To explore a variety of effects to express their ideas using materials for decorative purposes (sequins, buttons, junk modelling, loose parts) within continuous provision. | To colour and decorate a product (adding sequins, buttons, printing). | To select and use a variety of embellishment techniques (sew buttons on, adding velcro). | To select and use a variety of embellishment techniques focussing on the quality of materials (EG. such as soft decoration for comfort on a cushion). |
| Finishing | | | To understand and use a seam allowance. | To join textiles with a range of finishing techniques (back stitch for seams, running stitch for embellishment). |
| Aesthetics | | | | To use the qualities of materials to create suitable visual and tactile |

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| Food | | | | |
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| Nutrition | To understand the need for healthy choices. | To understand a healthy and varied diet. Looking at the Eat well plate. | To understand and apply the principles of a healthy and varied diet. | To understand and apply and promote the principles of a healthy and varied diet. |
| Food Safety | To manage your own basic hygiene and personal needs. | To know how to use utensils and equipment safely and hygienically. | To know what hygiene means, preparing food hygienically, keeping surfaces, utensils and hands clean. | To understand the importance of correct storage and handling of ingredients. |
| Production | To explore planting seeds and caring for growing plants. To know where some foods come from. | To understand where food comes from. | To know how a variety of ingredients are reared, caught and grown. | To understand local produce and know how a variety of ingredients are reared, caught and grown. |
| Seasonality | | | To understand what seasonality means. | To understand the seasonality of food and the implications this can have. |
| Skill | Use one-handed tools and equipment. | | To know how to follow a recipe. | To create and refine my own recipe. |

| | To know how to control using a hob or oven for cooking. | To measure accurate ratios of ingredients. Demonstrate a range of cooking skills and techniques. |
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| Electrical Systems | | | | |
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| Circuitry | | | To create simple closed and parallel circuits. | To create circuits using a range of components (EG. buzzers, motors, LEDs, resistors). |
| Testing | | | To diagnose a fault in a battery operated device. To diagnose a fault within a circuit. | To diagnose a fault within a circuit and explain why the circuit cannot operate. |
| Repair | | | To repair a fault in a circuit with adult assistance. | To independently repair a fault within an electrical system. |

| Structures | | | | | |
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| Construction | To use a range of materials to construct for a purpose within continuous provision. | To name and use a range of materials to construct. | With support choose suitable materials and components to construct with. | To select from and use a wide range of tools and materials to construct a frame structure. | |
| Strengthening | | To know how to strengthen a product. | To strengthen using a variety of techniques (laminating, corrugating and ribbing). | To strengthen using a variety of techniques (choosing the correct materials to support their frame structure). | |
| Joining | Safely use and explore a variety of tools and techniques. Exploring a variety of joining techniques to understand cause and effect (glue, tape, hole puncher, stapler, treasury tags, split | To select from and use tools to join materials together. | To understand and use nets correctly to join and construct a shape. | To select appropriate joining techniques to secure their structure together. | |

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| Repair | Return to and build on their previous learning and refining their ideas within continuous provision. | To identify and repair a fault with adult assistance. | To independently repair a fault on a frame structure. |
| Finishing | | | To use the qualities of materials to create suitable visual and tactile effects (sanding and filing). |