Gorse Hill Primary School

Design Technology: Skills Progression



	Nursery	Reception
Construction	Make imaginative and complex 'small worlds' with blocks and construction kits	Learning to construct with a purpose in mind, e.g. using scissors, glue string and a hole-punch to make a bag to store items collected
Structure & Joins	 Explore different materials freely, in order to develop their ideas about how to use them and what to make. Join different materials and explore different textures. 	Observing closely and replicating a structure, e.g. following a visit, children make a building they've seen out of small wooden bricks.
Using a Range of Tools	With support, children should use a range of tools including scissors, hole punch, stapler, glue spreader, rolling pin, cutter and grater.	 Learning about planning and adapting initial ideas to make them better, e.g. a child might choose to use scissors, a stapler, elastic bands and glue to join bits together to make a toy vehicle but they might modify their initial idea by using masking tape. Children should use a range of tools including scissors, hole punch, stapler, glue spreader, rolling pin, cutter and grater.
Cooking	 Talk about the differences between materials and changes they notice. With support, children should practise stirring, mixing, pouring and blending some ingredients during cooking activities. 	 Beginning to understand some of the tools, techniques and processes involved in food preparation. E.g. taking turns stirring the mixture for the cake and then watching it rise while cooking. Children should practise stirring, mixing, pouring and blending some ingredients during cooking activities.
Exploration	 Develop their own ideas and then decide which materials to use to express them. Explore how things work. 	Learning about how everyday objects work by dismantling things and looking closely at their component parts, e.g. a child might dismantle a wind mill to discover how it is put together.

Discussion

With support, children should be given:

- Opportunities to notice and discuss materials around them e.g. utensils for cooking, tree barks on a wall, soft furnishing in the classroom.
- Opportunities to discuss reasons that make activities safe or unsafe e.g. hygiene and electrical awareness.
- Opportunities to discuss appropriate use of senses e.g when tasting different foods.
- Opportunities to use the language of designing and making e.g. words such as 'join', 'build' and 'shape' as well as evaluative and comparative language 'longer', 'shorter', 'lighter' and 'heavier' and 'stronger'.

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- Children should also learn to record their experiences by, for example, drawing, writing, voice recording or modelling.

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
	Draw on their own	Generate ideas by	Generate ideas for an	Generate ideas,	Generate ideas through	Communicate their
	experience to help	drawing on their own	item, considering its	considering the	brainstorming and	ideas through detailed
	generate ideas.	and other people's	purpose and the user/s.	purposes for which they	identify a purpose for	labelled drawings.
		experiences.		are designing.	their product.	
	Suggest ideas and		Identify a purpose and			Develop a design
eas	explain what they are	Develop their design	establish criteria for a	Make labelled drawings	Draw up a specification	specification.
9 i i	going to do.	ideas through	successful product.	from different views	for their design.	
atin		discussion, observation,	Plan the order of their	showing specific		Explore, develop and
Developing, planning and communicating ideas.	Identify a target group	drawing and modelling.	work before starting.	features.	Develop a clear idea of	communicate aspects of
l H	for what they intend to				what has to be done,	their design proposals
COU	design and make.	Identify a purpose for	Explore, develop and	Develop a clear idea of	planning how to use	by modelling their ideas
and		what they intend to	communicate design	what has to be done,	materials, equipment	in a variety of ways.
ing	Model their ideas in	design and make.	proposals by modelling	planning how to use	and processes, and	
uue	card and paper.		ideas.	materials, equipment	suggesting alternative	Plan the order of their
g.		Identify simple design		and processes, and	methods of making if	work, choosing
jing	Develop their design	criteria.	Make drawings with	suggesting alternative	the first attempts fail.	appropriate materials,
elop	ideas applying findings		labels when designing.	methods of making, if		tools and techniques.
Dev	from their earlier	Make simple drawings		the first attempts fail.	Use results of	
	research.	and label parts.			investigations,	
				Evaluate products and	information sources,	
				identify criteria that can	when developing design	
				be used for their own	ideas.	
				designs.		

	Make their design using	Begin to select tools and	Select tools and	Select appropriate tools	Select appropriate	Select appropriate tools,
Morking with tools, equipment, materials and components to make quality products (inc-food)	appropriate techniques.	materials; use vocab' to	techniques for making	and techniques for	materials, tools and	materials, components
	appropriate commission	name and describe	their product.	making their product.	techniques.	and techniques.
	With help measure,	them.	р	The second secon		
	mark out, cut and shape		Measure, mark out, cut,	Measure, mark out, cut	Measure and mark out	Assemble components
	a range of materials.	Measure, cut and score	score and assemble	and shape a range of	accurately.	make working models.
	Use tools eg scissors and	with some accuracy.	components with more	materials, using	,	
rod	a hole punch safely.	·	accuracy.	appropriate tools,	Use skills in using	Use tools safely and
ity p		Use hand tools safely	·	equipment and	different tools and	accurately.
lnali	Assemble, join and	and appropriately.	Work safely and	techniques.	equipment safely and	
ke d	combine materials and		accurately with a range		accurately.	Construct products
ша	components together	Assemble, join and	of simple tools.	Join and combine		using permanent joining
s to	using a variety of	combine materials in		materials and	Weigh and measure	techniques.
ent	temporary methods e.g.	order to make a	Think about their ideas	components accurately	accurately (time, dry	
pon	glues or masking tape.	product.	as they make progress	in temporary and	ingredients, liquids)	Make modifications as
L CO W			and be willing change	permanent ways.		they go along.
pu	Select and use	Cut, shape and join	things if this helps them		Apply the rules for basic	
als a	appropriate fruit and	fabric to make a simple	improve their work.	Sew using a range of	food hygiene and other	Pin, sew and stitch
eria	vegetables, processes	garment. Use basic		different stitches, weave	safe practices e.g.	materials together
ша	and tools.	sewing techniques.	Measure, tape or pin,	and knit.	hazards relating to the	create a product.
ent,		_ ,,	cut and join fabric with		use of ovens.	
bme	Use basic food handling,	Follow safe procedures	some accuracy.	Measure, tape or pin,		Achieve a quality
idui	hygienic practices and	for food safety and		cut and join fabric with	Cut and join with	product.
ls, e	personal hygiene.	hygiene.	Demonstrate hygienic	some accuracy.	accuracy to ensure a	
too	Haa ainamla fimiahina	Chance and was	food preparation and	Han simula avanhinal	good-quality finish to	
/ith	Use simple finishing	Choose and use	storage.	Use simple graphical communication	the product.	
ng v	techniques to improve the appearance of their	appropriate finishing techniques.	Use finishing techniques	techniques.		
orki	product.	techniques.	strengthen and improve	techniques.		
Š	product.		the appearance of their			
			product using a range of			
			equipment.			
			equipinent.			

	Evaluate their product	Evaluate against their	Evaluate their product	Evaluate their work both	Evaluate a product	Evaluate their products,
roducts	by discussing how well it	design criteria.	against original design	during and at the end of	against the original	identifying strengths
	works in relation to the		criteria e.g. how well it	the assignment.	design specification.	and areas for
	purpose.	Evaluate their products	meets its intended			development, and
		as they are developed,	purpose.	Evaluate their products	Evaluate it personally	carrying out appropriate
p d	Evaluate their products	identifying strengths		carrying out appropriate	and seek evaluation	tests.
Evaluating processes and	as they are developed,	and possible changes	Disassemble and	tests.	from others.	
	identifying strengths	they might make.	evaluate familiar			Record their evaluations
	and possible changes		products.			using drawings with
	they might make.	Talk about their ideas,				labels.
		saying what they like				
	Evaluate their product	and dislike about them.				Evaluate against their
	by asking questions					original criteria and
	about what they have					suggest ways that their
	made and how they					product could be
	have gone about it.					improved.