



Art and Design Skill Progression

	Nursery	Rec	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Design process	 Understand items have different purposes. Make to create an outcome with guided support. Begin to explain why they chose their materials. Know what they have made. E.g 'a tiger' 	Discuss what a product does or needs to do Explore the qualities of a range of materials Make to create an outcome. Explain why they chose their materials. Explain what they have made.	 As a group or class: work from a basic brief to generate ideas and design a simple product fit for purpose and audience. As a group or class: explore suitability of common materials before making a choice. Basic recording of ideas. Make a simple mock up as either individually or as a class. 	 Work from a basic brief to generate ideas and design a simple product fit for purpose and audience. Explore suitability of common materials before making a choice. Show awareness of some products similar to their design. Develop ideas, communicating and recording them in a suitable way (e.g. design book, design page,, mind map) Make a simple mock-up. E.g. simplified paper version Make a final product. Evaluate their final product — what went well? Did they follow the brief? 	Work from a basic brief to design an appealing, functional product fit for purpose and audience. Explore some possible materials. With support, conducting a simple test to ensure suitability before making a choice. Research products similar to their own. Develop an idea, communicating and recording in a basic way (e.g. labelled drawing) Make a mock-up. With support, create a final idea and translate this into a final product which fits the brief. Either individually or as a guided class design. Basic evaluate their final product — what went well? Is it fit for purpose?	 Work from a brief to design an appealing, functional product fit for purpose and audience. Explore some possible materials, conducting a simple test to ensure suitability before making a choice. Show awareness of products similar to their own. Develop an idea, communicating and recording it in a suitable way (e.g. annotated design page, diagrams, IT) Make a mock-up. Perform basic tests, make simple prototypes/pattern pieces as appropriate. Create a final idea and translate this into a final product which fits the brief. Evaluate their final product — what went well? Did they follow the brief? How could they improve their design? 	Work from a brief with a simple problem to solve, to design an appealing, functional product. Research a range of materials, conducting tests as appropriate before selecting the best choice. Either individually or in groups. Research a small number of products similar to their own to inform their own design. Develop a design idea, communicating and recording it via a basic plan and a basic labelled diagram. Test ideas using basic prototypes/creating pattern pieces. E.g. practicing how to make a specific hinge or join. Develop and make a final product, which meets the brief criteria. Evaluate their final product, assess their product against the brief and consider improvements.	Work from a brief with a simple constraint (e.g. audience / purpose) to design an appealing, functional product. Research a range of materials, conducting tests as appropriate before selecting the best choice. Research products similar and different to their own to inform their own design. Develop a design idea, communicating and recording it via a plan and a labelled diagram. Test ideas using prototypes/creating pattern pieces and where relevant computer aided design. Develop and make a final product, based on testing, which meets the brief criteria. Evaluate their final product, including discussion amongst peers to assess their product against the brief and consider improvements.
Artist and Artwork Evaluation	Can express their opinion Can identify generic features of an artwork. E.g. 'it's a flower' 'it's blue'	Look at and discuss different artworks using simple sentences. Identify colours, objects and shapes in the artwork. Discuss their own artwork using simple language.	 Look at and discuss different artworks using simple sentences, expressing a simple opinion about an artwork. Notice basic details/themes of an artist. E.g. 'O'keefe likes flowers'. 	 Look at and discuss a range of artworks by artists, crafts people and designers across time, expressing a simple opinion about an artwork (no explanation). Notice details and familiar objects/ shapes / colours in an artwork including light and dark Make simple comparisons between artists and artworks. Begin to comment on how an artist/designer has used colour, pattern and shape. Describe and discuss their own artworks, noting key details. 	Begin to develop their knowledge of artists and artworks, expressing an opinion about an artwork, giving simple reasons why Make basic comparisons with between artists and artworks using formal elements language. Make links between their artwork and an artist. Basic analysis of an artwork using 1 formal element.e.g. looking solely at the line-work. Ask questions about artworks either individually or as a class.	Continue to develop their knowledge of artists and artworks, expressing an opinion about an artwork, giving simple reasons why. Make comparisons with increasing confidence between artists and artworks, using the language of the formal elements studied. Make links between their work and the work of more than one artist. Discuss when and where an artwork was created (timeline and map). Analyse an artwork, commenting on the use of formal elements (line, shape, texture, pattern) Ask their own questions	Begin to discuss a range of key artists and artworks, expressing an opinion about an artwork, support with reasons. Compare 2 or more artworks and recognise patterns and key concepts between art movements. Understand links between their work and where techniques have been inspired from. E.g. Used dots because of looking at Yayoi Kusama Basic analysis of an artwork, commenting on the use of formal elements (line, shape, texture, pattern) and comparing with other another artwork. Begin to describe and discuss their own artworks, justifying their choices with appropriate vocabulary.	Can discuss a range of key artists and artworks with increasing confidence, expressing an opinion about an artwork, support with reasons. Compare multiple artworks and recognise patterns and key concepts between art movements. Make clear links between their work and the work of others, noting specific influences and techniques. Analyse an artwork, commenting on the use of formal elements (line, shape, texture, pattern) and comparing with other artworks. Describe and discuss with confidence their own artworks, justifying their

						about artworks, developing them and sharing in class discussion. Describe and discuss their own artworks, explaining choices with appropriate vocabulary.	choices with appropriate vocabulary.
Drawing (pencil, charcoal, inks, chalk, pastels) Focus Artists: Leonardo Da Vinci, Vincent Van Gogh, Poonac	 Begin to hold a pencil correctly and use it to make marks. Attempt to use other materials to make marks (crayons, felt tips, etc) Represent their ideas and feelings through art. Draw shapes that are beginning to be recognisable and appropriate e.g. a circle for a face. 	 Begin to use a variety of drawing tools Use drawings to tell a story Investigate different lines Explore different textures Encourage accurate drawings of people 	 Hold a pencil appropriately, making a range of marks and lines. Extend the variety of drawings tools Explore different textures Observe and draw landscapes Observe patterns observe anatomy (faces, limbs) Record their work. 	 Hold a pencil appropriately, making a range of marks and lines with a pencil and different materials, with control and awareness, using appropriate vocabulary to describe them. Draw to express emotion using mark making (e.g. angry, happy). discuss use of shadows, use of light and dark Record their work. 	marks with control.	 Shade, blend and add highlights to show dimension using a range of pencil grades. Use sketching strokes to draw and add texture, movement and depth. Identify and draw the effect of light Scale and proportion accurate drawings of whole people including proportion and placement Make more detailed observational drawings, beginning to capture facial expression. Record their work and add it to their sketchbook. Consider the placement and composition when drawing. 	 Effect of light on objects and people from different directions Interpret the texture of a surface Draw human bodies, showing movement and emotion. Continue to develop the concept of perspective and forced perspective. Record their work and add it to a sketchbook, annotating with detailed analysis and evaluation, using it to demonstrate their development of key skills. Make increasingly accurate observational drawings, using formal elements. Select an appropriate drawing media, which is fit for purpose (e.g. pencil, chalk pastel).
Painting/Colour (painting, ink, dye, textiles, pencils, crayon, pastels)	 Experimenting with and using primary colours Naming mixing (not formal) Learn the names of different tools that bring colour Use a range of tools to make coloured marks on paper 	 Use a brush or other tool to make marks with paint. Choose from a range of pre-mixed colours to create painted artworks. Paint simple shapes and images that can be recognised or explained by the child. Use large muscle movement to paint and make marks. 	 Use different sized paintbrushes appropriately with increasing control to make a range of marks with paint. Mix primary colours to make secondary colours. Begin to describe colours by objects 	 Make as many tones of one colour as possible (using white) Darken colours without using black Use poster paints and watercolours on traditional surfaces. -Explore how colour can portray mood and emotion. Paint from observation and imagination. Use resist techniques (e.g. wax crayons & wash). 	 Colour mixing: Make detailed colour wheels Introduce different types of brushes Mix shades and tints. Beginning to be able to match colours effectively to portray their subject or mimic an artist. Use cold and warm colours. 	 Colour mixing and matching; tint, tone, shade Use poster paints and watercolours with confidence to blend, wash, and create a range of effects. Use different brushes and marks to gain a desired effect (e.g. large brush for large area). Mix with purpose and accuracy an increasing range of 	 Colour mixing: hue, tint, tone, shades and mood Choose the appropriate medium and tools to paint for purpose (e.g. watercolour for washes and a soft brush, palette knives for texture, sponges for mottled effect). Increasingly confident with matching colours effectively to portray their subject or mimic an artist. Paint on non-conventional surfaces. Explore the use of a limited colour palette and the effect of this.

						colours from primary and secondary colours. Use more resist techniques (e.g. tape and ink).		
Textiles (textiles, clay, sand, plaster, stone)	 Handling, manipulating and enjoying using materials Sensory experience Thread beads onto a string. 	 Simple weaving Begin to cut fabric using scissors. Stick and decorate textiles with support. 	 weaving using paper. Cut textiles using scissors and a basic template. Use a running stitch to join textiles using pre-prepared holes. Use large eyed needles or prethreaded needles. 	 Use a running stitch to join textiles either independently or with marked holes. Create simple weaving using paper or large strips of fabric. Use large eyed needles 	 Use a running stitch to join textiles Cut textiles with scissors safely. Use smaller eyed needles and finer threads Create simple weaving using paper or smaller strips of fabric. 	 Decorate textiles using stamping, printing and simple embellishment. Thread a needle and tie a knot. Independently or with support. Basic weave using a cardboard loom. 	 Use a basic pattern/template to mark and cut fabric into a specific shape Explore back stitch and cross stitch. Weave using a carboard loom with a basic pattern. Sew a button or bead. Thread a needle and tie a knot. 	 Use seam allowance and back stitch to join textiles to create a simple product (e.g. A cushion or soft toy). Use a pattern/template to mark and cut fabric into a specific shape Weave using a variety of materials. Sew a button or bead onto a project. Thread a needle and tie a knot, including finishing a thread and starting a new one within a project.
Sculpture & Collage/Resistant Materials (3D work, clay, dough, boxes, wire, paper sculpture, mod roc) Focus Artists: Barbara Hepworth, Andy Goldsworthy, Gustav Klimt	 Handling, feeling, enjoying and manipulating materials Constructing: Building and destroying Start to use scissors appropriately to cut into materials. Begin to cut and tear materials. Stick and glue materials together. Use junk objects to create their own designs. 	 Simple collages Use scissors appropriately to cut into materials. Cut and tear materials with increasing control. Mould play dough or other soft materials, making round and flat shapes and adding texture. Constructing: Building for a purpose and destroying Shape and model Begin to consider how they join materials together. 	 Collage according to specific qualities, e.g. independently sorting blue scraps to make the sky. More complex collages Follow basic procedures for safety. E.g. following instructions on how to walk with scissors. Construct: Use materials to make known objects for a purpose Carve, Pinch and roll slabs using a modelling media. Make simple joins Begin to select materials and tools based on their properties. E.g. sellotape or glue. 	 overlapping and overlaying to create effects in collage. Follow basic procedures for safety. Mould, carve and cut clay or other soft materials using appropriate tools. Select materials and tools based on their properties. Build structures, exploring how they can be made stronger, stiffer and more stable. 	 Independently follow basic procedures for safety. Shape, form, model and construct (malleable and rigid materials) Choose appropriate materials by testing their properties either in small groups or as a class, using a prototype. Explore tools for a product based on their functional properties and aesthetics. Begin to explore how to strengthen, stiffen and reinforce a product using suitable materials. 	 Independently follow basic procedures for safety. Sculpt clay and other materials with precision, Choose appropriate materials by testing their properties using a prototype. Choose appropriate tools for a product based on their functional properties and aesthetics. Strengthen, stiffen and reinforce a product using suitable materials. 	 Follow procedures for safety with a wider range of tools and processes. Cut and shape materials based on their design with developing accuracy. Choose appropriate tools and methods to cut and form a wider range of materials, either guided or independently. Choose appropriate materials by testing their properties using prototypes, justifying their choices. Either individually or in small groups. Sculpt clay and other materials with precision, including joining clay parts. Combine techniques and materials. Use a wider range of joining methods 	 Follow procedures for safety with a wider range of tools and processes. Cut and shape materials based on their design with increasing accuracy. Combine techniques and materials to create 3D sculptures Choose appropriate tools and methods to cut and form a wider range of materials. Choose appropriate materials by testing their properties using prototypes, justifying their choices. Use a wider range of joining methods on a wide range of materials. E.g. textiles.

Printing/ Pattern (found materials, fruit/veg, wood blocks, press print, clay, textiles) Focus Artist: William Morris, Picasso, Dan Mather, Andy Warhol, Joan Miro, Bridget Riley, Escher, Paul Klee,	 Awareness and discussion of patterns. Print with block colours Print with pre-made stamps and found objects. 	 Notice and continue simple patterns (ABAB/ABBA) Print using pressing, rolling, rubbing and stamping using everyday objects, chosen to create a desired effect. Simple symmetry 	 Print with a growing range of objects Notice more complex patterns in nature and artworks, using this to create their own. Stencil printing using a premade stencil. symmetry 		 Make and use more complex stencils to print. Find and copy patterns from nature and architecture 	 Find and copy more complex patterns from nature and architecture. Make increasingly complex stencils and use them to print in multiple layers and colours. combine prints and pattern Design more complex prints Design more complex prints Design prints 	Print onto a range of materials to explore texture and layers. Builds up images of whole or parts of items using various techniques Create own abstract pattern. E.g. tessalating patterns
Food & Nutrition	In small groups,Mix pre-prepared ingredients with the support of an adult, safely and hygienically Understand that fruit and vegetables grow. Use a blunt knife to spread butter or jam (or alternative) on a cracker or bread.	 Mix pre-prepared ingredients with the support of an adult, safely and hygienically Understand that fruit and vegetables grow, and which ones are grown in the UK. Use tools such as blunt knives or cookie cutters. 	 Cut soft foods safely and hygienically with support, using an appropriate tool. Measure using measuring cups and spoons. Combine ingredients with support to make a simple recipe. 	 Cut soft foods safely and hygienically using an appropriate tool. Measure using scales with support. Assemble ingredients to make a simple recipe. 	 Cut foods safely and hygienically using an appropriate tool. Measure ingredients using scales. 	 Cut foods safely and hygienically using an appropriate tool. Measure ingredients using scales or jugs. Follow recipes, starting to use techniques such as peeling, chopping, slicing, mixing, spreading, baking or kneading. Use a pan or oven with adult supervision and support. Measure ingredients with a degree of accuracy using an appropriate measuring device. Design their own simple savoury recipes and test them individually or collectively. Use a wider range of baking and cooking techniques 	Accurately measure ingredients with a appropriate measuring device. Design their own simple savoury recipes and test them. Use a range of baking and cooking techniques with increasing confidence (e.g. boiling, frying, baking, grilling, steaming, roasting, microwaving)