EXPLORE	Disciplinary	Substantive
Y1	Talk about & explore existing products, identifying what is good or could be improved.	Begin to identify individual features that affect how products work (e.g., wheel size or position).
	Express personal opinions on products.	Identify & explore simple mechanisms (e.g., a slider or 2D lever in a moving picture).
		Appreciate how different plants are grown and some of the different reasons why.
Y2	Evaluate existing products based on use, materials, and how they work.	Identify several simple features that affect how products work (e.g., wheel size, position).
	Explain how a product will work in a group discussion. Express likes and dislikes.	Investigate basic mechanisms (rolling axels).
Y3	Express likes and dislikes. Evaluate products considering function and suitability for the user.	Identify mechanisms used in products.
		Taste test shop-bought ingredients and explain preferences.
		Recognise the purpose of weaving and looms.
		Learn about foods from different cultures.
		Understand & explore how pulleys function (mechanical components).
		Begin to appreciate how products have evolved over time.
Y4	Evaluate existing products based on design, materials, and function.	Understand how mechanisms can be used to store & release energy.
	Evaluate ingredients based on taste, availably & aesthetics.	Appreciate how products have changed over time & some reasons for this.
Y5	Begin to make clear points considering function, cost, and sustainability.	Consider sustainability of materials and the product life cycle.
		Learn about key individuals or events in product innovation.
		Understand how cams & gears function (mechanical components).
		Begin to consider seasonality and food sourcing.
		Begin to use logical reasoning to consider why products have evolved over time.
Y6	Evaluate products for function, cost, and sustainability.	Identify hazards and solutions in design.
		Consider the impact of products beyond intended purpose.
		Analyse advanced materials and technologies.
		Understand how mechanisms can be used to store & release energy in different directions.
		Consider seasonality and food sourcing using comparison of ingredients.
		Use logical reasoning to consider why products have evolved over time.

DESIGN	Disciplinary	Substantive
Y1	Generate simple ideas through talking, drawing, or ICT.	Recognise different materials and their basic properties.
	Represent ideas using basic drawings or models.	
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	Consider the purpose of a design (e.g., a bag to carry toys).	
Y2	Develop ideas through talking, drawing, and ICT.	Understand that materials have different properties and are chosen for function.
	Create simple labelled diagrams.	
	Use mock-ups & templates to visualise ideas.	
	Explore basic joining techniques.	
Y3	Generate multiple ideas for a task.	Understand material properties and their functions.
	Create detailed sketches with labels.	
	Plan out steps for making a product.	
Y4	Create multiple design ideas and refine them.	Begin to explore advanced materials (e.g., conductors and insulators).
	Use sketches and CAD for clarity.	Begin to appreciate the global impact of using sustainable & recyclable materials.
	Plan the making process and required materials.	
	Develop a simple design criterion as a class.	
Y5	Generate multiple ideas based on research.	Begin to investigate some benefits of using sustainable materials.
	Use CAD or 3D modelling for detailed designs.	Explore & combine advanced materials (e.g., conductors and insulators).
	Develop design criteria considering feedback.	
Y6	Generate and refine ideas using research and feedback.	Investigate different benefits for using sustainable materials.
	Use detailed sketches, CAD, and prototypes.	
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	Plan the entire making process, considering challenges.	

MAKE	Disciplinary	Substantive
Y1	Begin to join materials using simple techniques.	
	Use familiar tools and equipment safely.	
	Wash hands and clean surfaces.	
	Weigh, measure, mix, and prepare food with support.	
	Create a fixed axel to create a rolling movement.	
Y2	Cut & shape materials with growing accuracy.	
	Join materials using adhesives or stitching.	
	Use different techniques to make products stronger.	
	Use familiar tools with increasing accuracy.	
	Apply running stitch to join fabric.	
	Create a spinning axle for movement.	
Y3	Assemble, join, and combine materials accurately.	
	Measure, mark, and shape materials with increasing accuracy.	
	Strengthen 2D products using cladding and rendering.	
	Create a simple fixed pulley.	
	Prepare, peel, measure, and season ingredients.	
	Create woven fabric using a loom.	
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Y4	Select and combine materials to meet design needs.	Recognise & appreciate some methods & practices to ensure cooking appliances are used safely & efficiently.
	Reinforce structures with cladding and rendering.	
	Measure, mark, cut, and shape materials accurately.	
	Prepare food safely and hygienically.	
	Create a simple circuit for an output (e.g., LED).	
	Create a simple wind-up mechanism from plastic.	

Y5	Use various tools and materials to create functional products.	
	Reinforce and strengthen structures.	
	Apply finishing techniques for improved aesthetics.	
	Apply blanket stitch for textiles.	
	Build circuits with switches.	
	Apply more complex mechanisms (motors, gears).	
	Create a cam mechanism with support.	
Y6	Use a variety of tools and materials for robust products.	
	Refine designs through testing and adjustments.	
	Prepare and cook food using different techniques.	
	Build electronic circuits with programmable elements.	
	Apply finishing techniques for function and aesthetics.	
	Create a wind-up mechanism from strong materials (metal).	

EVALUATE	Disciplinary	Substantive
Y1	Talk about own work, linking to what went well.	
	Identify simple ways to improve a product.	
	Express opinions about the work of others.	
Y2	Talk about own work, linking to what they have been asked to do (simple design criteria)	
	Test products to check if they are a success.	
	Explain how a product is successful by linking it to a design criterion.	
Y3	Test products to see if they work as intended.	
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	Begin to compare the final product with the design brief.	
Y4	Test & refine products to see if they work as intended.	
	Identify strengths and weaknesses in a product.	
	Explain what went well and what could be improved.	
Y5	Use design criteria for product evaluation. Test and refine products to assess & improve effectiveness.	
	Consider functionality, durability, and aesthetics.	
	Collect feedback for improvement.	
	Begin to use their own design criteria for product assessment.	
Y6	Test (including tasting), refine and assess if the product meets their design brief.	
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	Gather external feedback.	
	Consider additional ingredients or seasoning for taste.	