

D&T Progression of Skills KS1

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Explore	Experiment – Understanding contexts, users and purposes
Investigate and analyse existing products	Designing - Generating, developing and communicating ideas
	Generate ideas by drawing on their own experiences
Explore what products are and who or what they are for.	Work confidently within a range of contexts, such as imaginary, story-based, home, school,
Explore how products work and how or where they might be used.	playgrounds, local community, industry and the wider environment
Explore what materials products are made from	State what products they are making
Explore what pupils like and dislike about products	Are their products for themselves or other users
	Describe what their products are for
Explore the simple characteristics of materials and components	Explore how their products will work
Discuss the movement of simple mechanisms such as levers, sliders, wheels and axles	Discuss how they will make their products suitable for their intended users
Explore how freestanding structures can be made stronger, stiffer and more stable	Use a simple design criteria to help develop their ideas
Explore how a textiles product can be assembled from two identical fabric shape	Use knowledge of existing products to help come up with ideas
To explore the correct technical vocabulary for the projects they are undertaking	Develop and communicate ideas by talking and drawing
	Model ideas by exploring materials, components and construction kits and by making templates
	se ICT, where appropriate, to develop and communicate their ideas
Create - Planning	Share and Evaluate – Products and own ideas
Plan by suggesting what to do next	Talk about their design ideas and what they made
Select from a range of tools and equipment, explaining their choices	Make simple judgements about their products and ideas against design criteria
Select from a range of materials and components according to their characteristics	Suggest how their products could be improved
Explore practical skills and techniques	
Follow procedures for safety and hygiene	
Use a range of materials and components, including construction materials and kits, textiles, food	Cooking and nutrition – Where food comes from
ingredients and mechanical components	That all food comes from plants or animals
Measure, mark out, cut and shape materials and components	That food has to be farmed, grown elsewhere (e.g. home) or caught
Assemble, join and combine materials and components	Cooking and nutrition – Food preparation, cooking and nutrition
Use finishing techniques, including those from art and design	How to name and sort foods into the five groups in The Eatwell Plate
	That everyone should eat at least five portions of fruit and vegetables every day
	How to prepare simple dishes safely and hygienically, without using a heat source
	How to use techniques such as cutting, peeling and grating



D&T Progression of Skills KS1 Lower KS2

Lower KS2 National Curriculum Objectives: In this unit, children will be taught to		
Explore	Experiment – Understanding contexts, users and purposes	
Investigate and analyse existing products	Work confidently within a range of contexts, such as the home, school, leisure, culture, enterprise,	
Explore how well products have been designed and made	industry and the wider environment	
Explore why certain materials have been chosen	Describe the purpose of their products	
Discuss what methods of construction have been used	Indicate the design features of their products that will appeal to intended users	
	Explain how particular parts of their products work	
Make links with science and maths to help design and make products that work	Gather information about needs and wants of particular individuals and groups	
Explore how materials have both functional properties and aesthetic qualities	Develop their own design criteria and use these to inform their ideas	
Explore how materials can be combined and mixed to create more useful characteristics	Designing - Generating, developing, modelling and communicating ideas	
Explore how mechanical and electrical systems have an input, process and output	Share and clarify ideas through discussion	
Use the correct technical vocabulary for the projects they are undertaking	Model their ideas using prototypes and pattern pieces	
Explore how mechanical systems such as levers and linkages create movement	Use annotated sketches, cross-sectional drawings and exploded diagrams to develop and	
Explore simple electrical circuits and components and how they can be used to create functional	communicate their ideas	
products	Use computer-aided design to develop and communicate their ideas	
Discover how to program a computer to control their products	Generate realistic ideas, focusing on the needs of the user	
Understand how to make strong, stiff shell structures	Make design decisions that take account of the availability of resources	
Understand that a single fabric shape can be used to make a 3D textiles product		
Create – Planning	Share and Evaluate – Products and own ideas	
Practical skills and techniques	Identify the strengths and areas for development in their ideas and products	
Select tools and equipment suitable for the task	Consider the views of others, including intended users, to improve their work	
Explain their choice of tools and equipment in relation to the skills and techniques they will be using	Use their design criteria to evaluate their completed products	
Select materials and components suitable for the task		
Explain their choice of materials and components according to functional properties and aesthetic		
qualities		
Order the main stages of making		
Follow procedures for safety and hygiene		
Use a wider range of materials and components than KS1, including construction materials and kits,		
textiles, food ingredients, mechanical components and electrical components		
Measure, mark out, cut and shape materials and components with some accuracy		
Assemble, join and combine materials and components with some accuracy		
Apply a range of finishing techniques, including those from art and design, with some accuracy		



D&T Progression of Skills Upper KS2

Upper KS2 National Curriculum Objectives: In this unit, children will be taught to		
Explore	Experiment – Understanding contexts, users and purposes	
Investigate and analyse existing products	Work confidently within a range of contexts, such as the home, school,	
Explore why materials have been chosen	leisure, culture, enterprise, industry and the wider environment	
What methods of construction have been used	Describe the purpose of their products	
Explore how well products work to achieve their purposes	Indicate the design features of their products that will appeal to	
Explore how well products meet user needs and wants	intended users	
Explore how much products cost to make	Explain how particular parts of their products work	
Explore how innovative products are	Gather information about needs and wants of particular individuals and	
Explore how sustainable the materials in products are	groups	
Explore what impact products have beyond their intended purpose	Develop their own design criteria and use these to inform their ideas	
Explore how to use learning from science and maths to help design and make products that work	Designing - Generating, developing, modelling and communicating ideas	
Identify that materials have both functional properties and aesthetic qualities	Share and clarify ideas through discussion	
Identify that materials can be combined and mixed to create more useful characteristics	Model their ideas using prototypes and pattern pieces	
Explore how mechanical and electrical systems have an input, process and output	Use annotated sketches, cross-sectional drawings and exploded	
Use the correct technical vocabulary for the projects they are undertaking	diagrams to develop and communicate their ideas	
Explore how mechanical systems such as cams or pulleys or gears create movement	Use computer-aided design to develop and communicate their ideas	
Explore how more complex electrical circuits and components can be used to create	Generate realistic ideas, focusing on the needs of the user	
functional products	Make design decisions that take account of the availability of resources	
Explore how to program a computer to monitor changes in the environment and control their		
products		
Explore how to reinforce and strengthen a 3D framework		
Identify that a 3D textiles product can be made from a combination of fabric shapes		
Discuss how a recipe can be adapted by adding or substituting one or more ingredients		
Create – Planning	Share and Evaluate – Products and own ideas	
Select tools and equipment suitable for the task		
Explain their choice of tools and equipment in relation to the skills and techniques they	Identify the strengths and areas for development in their ideas and	
will be using	products	
Select materials and components suitable for the task	Consider the views of others, including intended users, to improve their	
Explain their choice of materials and components according to functional properties	work	
and aesthetic qualities	Refer to their design criteria as they design and make	
Order the main stages of making	Utheir design criteria to evaluate their completed products	
Making – Practical skills and techniques	Evaluating – Existing products	
Follow procedures for safety and hygiene	Pupils will be taught to investigate and analyse:	
Use a wider range of materials and components than KS1, including construction	How well products have been designed and made	
materials and kits, textiles, food ingredients, mechanical components and electrical	Why materials have been chosen	
components	What methods of construction have been used	



Measure, mark out, cut and shape materials and components with some accuracy Assemble, join and combine materials and components with some accuracy Apply a range of finishing techniques, including those from art and design, with some accuracy	Developed ground-breaking products how well products work to achieve their purposes How well products meet user needs and wants Who designed and made the products Where and when products were designed and made Whether products can be recycled or reused