



Updated July 2021		Design Technolo	ogy Essential Knowledge		
Embedding our learning culture	Curricular God	oal: Know how to design, make and evaluate different products and understand how products have changed through time			
	KS2: How can I design, make and evaluate products and show that I understand how products have changed through time? KS1: How can I plan, make and improve products and show I know how products have changed?				
		pnent 1: Know how to design a pu	T .	aling product (design)	
Learning to Live	Reception Essential Knowledge	Year 1 and 2 Essential Knowledge Year 2 Essential Knowledge	Year3/4/5 Essential Knowledge	Year 6 Essential Knowledge	
Developing knowledge and	How to talk about what my product should look like	The way to design a product discussions use simple labelled drawings	The way to design a product use detailed annotated sketches use including pattern pieces	The way to design a product showing key detail use exploded diagrams use computer aided design	
awareness of product design in the things we		Templates use given versions create own	Simple prototype identify the purpose create own	Cross sectional diagrams • identify specific design detail	
use. Noticing	Component 2:	Know how to make a product by	cutting, joining, finishing (ma	ke) using specific techniques	
whether	(technical understanding)				
products are fit for purpose. what makes a	Cooking and nutrition Different healthy and unhealthy foods	Cooking and nutrition Healthy and varied snacks identify design and make own	Cooking and nutrition Principles of a healthy and varied diet apply these to design and make a simple meal	Cooking and nutrition Seasonality affects the food we eat create a healthy and balanced meal based on seasonality	
product fashionable/	Making	Fruits and vegetables come from different places	Food comes from different places How food gets to our plates Making	Food is reared, caught and processed Making	

efficient, beautiful. Living to Love	How to use tools safely to: mix/blend, pour, and chop	Making How to hold a knife and how to make a single cut: • bridge hold	How to hold a knife safely and cut foods in different ways: • fork secure • claw grip	How to use different knives for different purposes
Learning to appreciate the importance and complexity of product design. Exploring and experimenting, making things work. Sharing thoughts and	Textiles Materials can be joined in different ways	Textiles Natural dyes can change materials • beetroot, red cabbage, tea, onion or spinach etc Textiles How to join fabric • simple running stitches • decorate the surface by gluing on beads or buttons	Textiles Fabric can be decorated in different ways • simple tie-dye techniques • fabric paint/pens • use designs to depict a story or poem Textiles How to join fabric • straight stitches (running stich and back stitch) • cross stitch • blanket stitches to outline the pattern or enhance the design	Textiles Fabric can be decorated in different ways an awareness of the natural environment can be shown through careful colour matching showing understanding of seasonal colours Textiles How to join fabric chain stitch feather stitches decorate by sewing on beads, buttons, sequins
ideas- favourite designs. Loving to Learn Learning about		Structures There are different ways to make a structure stable	Structures with electrical systems Simple electrical circuits in products at least 1 light up component	Structures with electrical systems Simple electrical circuits in products more than one component (light/buzzer/ switch)
materials, systems, construction and developing knowledge and skills to craft		Construction Levers and sliders make things move create a product e.g. rabbit in hat/moving pictures	Construction There are different ways to make a structure stable structures can be strengthened, stiffed and reinforced to improve stability buildings/bridges	Construction Cams create different movements • moving toys

usable objects		Wheels and axles	Levers and linkages	Gears and pulleys
for for purpose.		How to include moving wheels and axles in designs and products	How levers and linkages can be used in moving products	How gears and pulleys can be used in products
To learn and use		• vehicles	 moving toys/objects 	 moving vehicle with pulley and motor
the design process. learning about the work of designers/ design movements		Making in textiles, construction, structures, wheels and sliders There are different techniques for cutting and shaping: • tearing • cutting, • folding	Making in textiles, construction, structures, levers and linkages Different tools should be used based on the material being cut scissors hand saw	Making in textiles, construction, structures, gears and pulleys Different tools should be used based on the material being cut scissors fabric scissors hand saw
through history and in different cultures.		There are different techniques for joining materials: • sewing • glue stick • an appropriate amount of PVA/fabric glue	There are different ways to join materials sewing fabric glue PVA glue glue gun tape masking tape blu-tac	There are different ways to join materials choose most appropriate way independently use glue guns safely A smooth finish is created by sanding wood
		How to use scissors accurately and safely cut to nearest cm	How to use scissors accurately and safely • cut to nearest 5mm	How to use scissors accurately and safely cut within the perimeter on an object e.g. slots of cut outs
		Component 3: Know how	to evaluate a product (evalua	ation)
	How to say what went well/could be improved next time	Evaluate existing products based on a given design criteria	Evaluate existing products based on a given design criteria adding in their own specific design criteria.	Analyse existing products, looking at specific component parts, based on a detailed design specification
	People can do different jobs • chef • designer	Key individuals have changed the way we live our lives	Key individuals have helped to shape the world	Key individuals and events in design and technology have helped to shape the world and contribute to engineering advances

• builder	 Cooking and nutrition: Textiles: Construction: Structures: Wheels and sliders: Karl Benz 	 Cooking and nutrition: Textiles: Faith Ringold/Phillip Brown Construction: Filippo Brunelleschi Structures: Benjamin Franklin 	 Cooking and nutrition: Textiles: Construction: Ismail al-Jazari Structures: George Ohms/Richard Sapper
		 Levers and linkages: James Watt 'Watt's linkage' 	Gears and pulleys: Archimedes of Syracuse