

The DT Curriculum Year 4

National Curriculum Objectives

Key stage 1

Through a variety of creative and practical activities, pupils should be taught the knowledge, understanding and skills needed to engage in an iterative process of designing and making. They should work in a range of relevant contexts [for example, the home and school, gardens and playgrounds, the local community, industry and the wider environment].

When designing and making, pupils should be taught to:

Design

- design purposeful, functional, appealing products for themselves and other users based on design criteria
- generate, develop, model and communicate their ideas through talking, drawing, templates, mock-ups and, where appropriate, information and communication technology

Make

- select from and use a range of tools and equipment to perform practical tasks [for example, cutting, shaping, joining and finishing]
- select from and use a wide range of materials and components, including construction materials, textiles and ingredients, according to their characteristics

Fvaluate

- explore and evaluate a range of existing products
- evaluate their ideas and products against design criteria

Technical knowledge

- build structures, exploring how they can be made stronger, stiffer and more stable
- explore and use mechanisms [for example, levers, sliders, wheels and axles], in their products.

Key stage 2

Through a variety of creative and practical activities, pupils should be taught the knowledge, understanding and skills needed to engage in an iterative process of designing and making. They should work in a range of relevant contexts [for example, the home, school, leisure, culture, enterprise, industry and the wider environment].

When designing and making, pupils should be taught to:

Design

- use research and develop design criteria to inform the design of innovative, functional, appealing products that are fit for purpose, aimed at particular individuals or groups
- generate, develop, model and communicate their ideas through discussion, annotated sketches, cross-sectional and exploded diagrams, prototypes, pattern pieces and computer-aided design

Make

- select from and use a wider range of tools and equipment to perform practical tasks [for example, cutting, shaping, joining and finishing], accurately
- select from and use a wider range of materials and components, including construction materials, textiles and ingredients, according to their functional properties and aesthetic qualities

Fvaluate

- investigate and analyse a range of existing products
- evaluate their ideas and products against their own design criteria and consider the views of others to improve their work
- understand how key events and individuals in design and technology have helped shape the world

Technical knowledge

- apply their understanding of how to strengthen, stiffen and reinforce more complex structures
- understand and use mechanical systems in their products [for example, gears, pulleys, cams, levers and linkages]
- understand and use electrical systems in their products [for example, series circuits incorporating switches, bulbs, buzzers and motors]
- apply their understanding of computing to program, monitor and control their products.

4 Cooking and nutrition

As part of their work with food, pupils should be taught how to cook and apply the principles of nutrition and healthy eating. Instilling a love of cooking in pupils will also open a door to one of the great expressions of human creativity. Learning how to cook is a crucial life skill that enables pupils to feed themselves and others affordably and well, now and in later life.

Pupils should be taught to:

Key stage 1

- use the basic principles of a healthy and varied diet to prepare dishes
- understand where food comes from.

Key stage 2

- understand and apply the principles of a healthy and varied diet
- prepare and cook a variety of predominantly savoury dishes using a range of cooking techniques
- understand seasonality, and know where

Year 4	Autumn 1 – Textiles (Book Covers)

National Curriculum

National Curriculum objectives:

- Investigate and analyse a range of existing products.
- Use research and develop design criteria to inform the design of innovative, functional, appealing products that are fit for purpose, aimed at particular individuals or groups
- Evaluate their ideas and products against a design criteria
- Build structures, exploring how they can be made stronger, stiffer or more stable
- Select from and use a wider range of materials and components, including construction materials, textiles and ingredients, according to their functional properties and aesthetic qualities
- Select and use a wider range of tools and equipment to perform a practical task.

Cross-Curricular Links:

British Values: Mutual Respect	British Values: Mutual Respect				
Prior Learning		Future Learning			
Develop threading and weaving skills Develop their fine motor skills so that safely and confidently. Practice and apply weaving skills to set created a product using a design. Reflected on what they have achieve the Know joining technique means connected. Know that there are various methods of staples. Know that a template is used to cut out the Know that a design is useful to see how.	t they can use a range of tools competently, pecific materials. d. ing two pieces of materials. joining fabric e.g., glue, pins or the same shape multiple times.	Year 5 • Know that a blanket stitch is useful to re fabrics together. • Know small, neat stitches which are pulle toy is strong and holding stuffing securely.	ed taut see important to ensure the		
Design	Make	Evaluate	Technical Knowledge		
Writing design criteria for a	Making and testing a paper	Testing and evaluating an end	To know that a fastening is		

Design	IVIAKE	Evaluate	rechnical knowledge
 Writing design criteria for a product, articulating decisions made. Designing a personalised book sleeve. 	 Making and testing a paper template with accuracy and in keeping with the design criteria. Measuring, marking and cutting fabric using a paper template. Selecting a stitch style to join fabric. Working neatly by sewing small, straight stitches. Incorporating a fastening to a design. 	 Testing and evaluating an end product against the original design criteria. Deciding how many of the criteria should be met for the product to be considered successful. Suggesting modifications for improvement. Articulating the advantages and 	 To know that a fastening is something which holds two pieces of material together. To know that different fastening types are useful for different purposes.

	disadvantages of different fastening	
	types.	

Substantive Knowledge Acquired in the Unit

- Know that a fastening is something that holds two pieces of material together.
- Know that different fastening types are useful for different purposes.

Disciplinary Knowledge Acquired in the Unit

Fixing and Joining

- Joining and reinforcing fabrics
- Demonstrating fabric can be joined in a number of different ways sewing using a range of stitches.

Finishing

• Using a widening range of decorative techniques such as dyeing and embroidery, embellishing, applique, fabric paints, fastenings (buttons, buckles, press studs, hooks and eyes, Velcro, safety pins, zip, ties

Key Skills Acquired in the Unit

- Writing a design criteria for a product articulating decisions made.
- Designing a personalised book sleeve.
- Making and testing a paper template with accuracy.
- Measure, make and cut fabric using a paper template.
- Select a stitch type to join fabric.
- Sew neatly using a regular stitch.
- Test and evaluate an end product.

Misconceptions

Some children may think:

- Zips are the only form of fastening.
- You can only fasten two items.

By the end of this unit pupils will:

- Identify the features, benefits and disadvantages of a range of fastening types.
- Write design criteria and design a sleeve that satisfies the criteria.
- Make a template for their book sleeve.
- Assemble their case using any stitch they are comfortable with.

Medium Term Planning

	Lesson 1	Lesson 2	Lesson 3	Lesson 4	Lesson 5
Retrieval	Flashback 4	Flashback 4	Flashback 4	Flashback 4	Flashback 4
	Question 1: What is the	Question 1: What do we call	Question 1: What is the	Question 1: What is the name	Question 1: What do we call
	person in the picture doing?	something that holds two pieces	person in the picture doing?	of a stencil you can use to help	something that holds two pieces
	(Threading, weaving, cutting,	of fabric together securely?	(Threading, weaving, cutting,	you draw the same shape	of fabric together securely?
	gluing)	(assemble, template, fastening,	gluing)	more easily onto different	(assemble, template, fastening,
	Question 2: What is the	stitch)	Question 2: What word best	materials? (audience,	stitch)
	picture of? (fabric, needle ,	Question 2: Which one of these	describes when we put parts	assemble, template , fastening)	Question 2: What word do we
	template, thread)	would not be used as a fastening?	together? (Design, evaluation,	Question 2: Which word is	use to describe adding
		(glue , button, Velcro, buckle)	assemble, template)	used to describe when a	decorations to the product?

	Question 3: What word is missing? 'A running stitch is a style of sewing in a line with no overlapping. (curvy, wavy, straight, round) Question 4: What do you call the part of the needle you put the thread through? (nose, eye, ear, mouth)	Question 3: What is the first step when sewing a running stich? (knot the needle, start the stitch from the bottom going up and down, thread the needle, knot the last stich) Question 4: What is the second step when sewing a running stich? (knot the needle, start the stitch from the bottom going up and down, thread the needle, knot the last stich)	Question 3: What is the third step when sewing a running stich? (knot the needle, start the stitch from the bottom going up and down, thread the needle, knot the last stich) Question 4: What is the final step when sewing a running stich? (knot the needle, start the stitch from the bottom going up and down, thread the needle, knot the last stich)	product is aimed at a group? (target audience, fastening, evaluation, design) Question 3: Why do we evaluate a product? (to help us write down our ideas, to put parts together, to improve a product, to draw round a product) Question 4: When sewing a running stich, stitches should be and close together so they are strong. (large, small, round, together)	(threading, knotting, shaping, embellish) Question 3: What can you use to join fabrics together? (Glue, staples, pins, thread) Question 4: What tool do you use to sew with? (Scissors, glue stick, stapler, needle)
Learning Objective: Key vocabulary	To identify and evaluate different types of fastenings Tier 2	To design a product to meet design criteria. Tier 2	To make and test a paper template. Tier 2	To assemble a book sleeve. Tier 2	To evaluate a book jacket. Tier 2
	IdentifyAdvantageDisadvantageBenefits	ProductCriteria Tier 3	TemplateAssembleSections	TemplateAssembleAttach	AudiencePurposeImprove
	ManufactureTier 3FabricFastening	FabricFasteningMeasurementsDecorations	Tier 3	Tier 3 Fabric Fastening Applique Needle Thread	Tier 3 Fabric Fastening Measurements Decorations
Possible outcome	Children will look at fastenings products and consider the advantages and disadvantages for each fastening type	Show a range of book sleeve examples. Children will decide who their book sleeve will be for. They will plan colours, materials, ideas and characters they would include in their design.	Children will cut their paper templates out (to size) and assemble using pins, checking that the joins work as they should and that the shape is as per their design. Once children are happy with their template, they will pin it to their fabric ready to be cut out	Children will assemble their book jackets using the envelope or jacket style. They will use the applique stitch to attach shapes, sequins and beads.	Children will evaluate the purpose of their book jacket. Children will decide if the book jacket meet each point on the design criteria which was planned earlier in the unit.

Year 4	Spring 1 – Electrical Systems (Torches)

National Curriculum

National Curriculum objectives

- Investigate and analyse a range of existing products
- Understand and use electrical systems in their products [for example, series circuits incorporating switches, bulbs, buzzers and motors]
- Use research and develop design criteria to inform the design of innovative, functional, appealing products that are fit for purpose, aimed at particular individuals or groups.
- Generate, develop, model and communicate their ideas through discussion, annotated sketches, cross-sectional and exploded diagrams, prototypes, pattern pieces and computer-aided design.
- Select from and use a wider range of tools and equipment to perform practical tasks.
- Select from and use a wider range of materials and components, including construction materials, textiles and ingredients, according to their functional properties and aesthetic qualities.
- Evaluate their ideas and products against their own design criteria and consider the views of others to improve their work.

Cross-Curricular Links:

- Science: Identify common appliances that run on electricity
- Science: Construct a simple series electrical circuit, identifying and naming its basic parts, including cells, wires, bulbs, switches and buzzers
- Science: Identify whether or not a lamp will light in a simple series circuit, based on whether or not the lamp is part of a complete loop with a battery
- Science: Recognise that a switch opens and closes a circuit and associate this with whether or not a lamp lights in a simple series circuit
- Science: Recognise some common conductors and insulators, and associate metals with being good conductor.

Prior Learning		Future Learning	
Nursery - Explore how things work.		Year 6 (Science) - Associate the brightness of a lamp or the volume of a buzzer with the number a voltage of cells used in the circuit. - Compare and give reasons for variations in how components function, including brightness of bulbs, the loudness of buzzers and the on/off position of switches. - Use recognised symbols when representing a simple circuit in a diagram.	
Designing a torch, giving consideration to the target audience and creating both design and success criteria focusing on features of individual design ideas	 Making a torch with a working electrical circuit and switch. Using appropriate equipment to cut and attach materials. Assembling a torch according to the design and success criteria. 	 Evaluate Evaluating electrical products. Testing and evaluating the success of a final product. 	 Technical Knowledge To understand that electrical conductors are materials which electricity can pass through. To understand that electrical insulators are materials which electricity cannot pass through. To know that a battery contains stored electricity that can be used to power products. To know that an electrical circuit must be complete for electricity to flow. To know that a switch can be used

circuit.

Substantive Knowledge Acquired in the Unit

- Know that electrical conductors are materials which electricity passes through.
- Know that electrical insulators are materials that electricity cannot pass through.
- Know that a battery contains stored electricity that can be used to power products.
- Know that an electrical circuit must be completed for electricity to flow.
- Know that a switch can be used to complete and break an electrical circuit.

Disciplinary Knowledge Acquired in the Unit

Mechanisms and control

• Applying knowledge about electrical circuits in designing and making product.

Key Skills Acquired in the Unit

- Designing a torch, giving consideration to the target audience and creating both design and success criteria focusing on features of individual design ideas.
- Making a torch with a working electrical circuit and switch.
- Using appropriate equipment to cut and attach materials.
- Assembling a torch according to the design criteria.
- Evaluating a electrical product.
- Testing and evaluating the success of a final product.

Misconceptions

Some children may think:

- electricity flows to bulbs, not through them
- electricity flows out of both ends of a battery
- electricity works by simply coming out of one end of a battery into the component.

By the end of this unit pupils will:

- Identify electrical products and explain why they are useful.
- Help to make a working switch.
- Identify the features of a torch and how it works.
- Describe what makes a torch successful.
- Create suitable designs that fit the success criteria and their own design criteria.
- Create a functioning torch with a switch according to their design criteria.

Medium Term Planning

	Lesson 1	Lesson 2	Lesson 3	Lesson 4	Lesson 5
Retrieval		Flashback 4	Flashback 4	Flashback 4	Flashback 4
		Question 1: Look at the pictures -	Question 1: Look at the	Question 1: Look at the	Question 1: Look at the
		which of these items does not	pictures – which of these	pictures – which of these	diagram. What is symbol
		require electricity to work?	items does require electricity	items does require electricity	showing? (battery, buzzer,
		Question 2: What is the name of	to work?	to work?	switch, wire)
		something that has two or more	Question 2: What is the name	Question 2: Look at the	Question 2: What is the name
		cells put together to provide	of a material that allows	diagram. What is symbol	of a material that allows
		electrical energy to power a	electricity to flow through it?	showing? (battery , buzzer,	electricity to flow through it?
				switch, wire)	

		circuit? (bulb, buzzer, battery, switch) Question 3: What is the name of something that is made from glass or plastic and gives out light when electricity passes through? (bulb, buzzer, battery, switch) Question 4: What is the name of something that is part of a circuit and you can open or close to allow electricity to flow through? (bulb, buzzer, battery, switch)	(switch, battery, conductor, insulator) Question 3: What is the name of a material that doesn't allow electricity to flow through it? (switch, battery, conductor, insulator) Question 4: What is the name of something that makes a buzzing noise when electricity passes through? (battery, buzzer, bulb, switch)	Question 3: Look at the diagram. What is symbol showing? (battery, buzzer, switch, wire) Question 4: Look at the diagram. What is symbol showing? (battery, buzzer, switch, wire)	(switch, battery, conductor, insulator) Question 3: What is the name of a material that doesn't allow electricity to flow through it? (switch, battery, conductor, insulator) Question 4: Why do we evaluate a product? (to help us write down our ideas, to put parts together, to improve a product, to draw round a product)
Learning	To learn about electrical	To analyse and evaluate electrical	To design a product to fit a set	To make a torch.	To evaluate the torch.
Objective: Key vocabulary	items and how they work. Tier 2	products. Tier 2	of user needs. Tier 2	Tier 2	Tier 2
Rey Vocabulary	 Diagram Insulator Conductor Product Tier 3 Battery Bulb Buzzer Electricity Switch Circuit 	Component Criteria Diagram Audience Model Tier 3 Battery Bulb Circuit Electricity LED Shape	Criteria Component Recyclable Theme Input Product Tier 3 Circuit Switch	 Assemble Criteria Aesthetics Diagram Insulator Model Properties Tier 3 Battery Bulb Circuit Conductor Electricity Equipment Shape Sketch Switch Test 	Assemble Criteria Aesthetics Diagram Insulator Model Properties Tier 3 Battery Bulb Circuit Conductor Electricity Equipment Shape Sketch Switch Test
Possible outcome	Children will build a range of electrical circuits using a buzzer and switch.	Children will evaluate torch products, focusing on the shape, the possible use and whether the design is fit for purpose.	Children will sketch a torch design, focusing on each point of the design criteria. Children will consider: what materials they will use to be effective and how they will keep the circuit safe and secure inside the housing.	Children will use a plastic bottle to create their torches by creating the house, making the switch, making the reflector, securing the bulb, positioning the circuity and adding the extras.	Discuss the questions below to help the children test if their torch is fit for purpose: Does the torch light up? Can the torch be switched on and off?

		•	Does the circuit remain
			securely in place when
			carrying the torch?

National Curriculum

National Curriculum objectives:

resistance.

Personalising a design.

- Select from and use a wider range of tools and equipment to perform practical tasks [for example, cutting, shaping, joining and finishing], accurately
- Select from and use a wider range of materials and components, including construction materials, textiles and ingredients, according to their functional properties and aesthetic qualities
- Investigate and analyse a range of existing products
- Understand how key events and individuals in design and technology have helped shape the world
- Apply their understanding of how to strengthen, stiffen and reinforce more complex structures
- Understand and use mechanical systems in their products [for example, gears, pulleys, cams, levers and linkages]
- Use research and develop design criteria to inform the design of innovative, functional, appealing products that are fit for purpose, aimed at particular individuals or groups
- Generate, develop, model and communicate their ideas through discussion, annotated sketches, cross-sectional and exploded diagrams, prototypes, pattern pieces and computer-aided design

Future Learning Prior Learning EYFS Year 6 Know how to use a range of basic tools competently, safely and confidently. Know that the mechanism in an automata uses a system of cams, axles and followers. know how to explore a range of materials and use senses to explore and investigate Know that different shaped cams produce different outputs. them e.g. construction kits: wheels and axles have movable parts. Know that an automata is a hand-powered mechanical tov. know how to construct using a wider range of construction kits using different Know that a cross-sectional diagram shows the inner workings of a product. techniques to fasten and connect things together. know that different objects and materials can represent things in my pretend play: e.g. I can use a cereal box to represent my house: or use a 3D block as a chair. know and use appropriate vocabulary to name and describe my models by talking and explaining about my model, how it works and what materials I have used. know more about using a range of different media (natural and manmade) to construct basic models to represent transport vehicles. Year 1 • A wheel needs to be round to rotate. • A wheel must be attached to a rotating axle to move. • An axel moves within an axel holder. • A frame of a vehicle (chassis) needs to be balanced. **Fvaluate** Technical Knowledge Design Make Designing a shape that reduces air Measuring, marking, cutting and Evaluating the speed of a final To understand that all moving things resistance. assembling with increasing have kinetic energy. product based on: the effect of Drawing a net to create a • To understand that kinetic energy is accuracy. shape on speed and the accuracy of Making a model based on a chosen structure from. the energy that something workmanship on performance Choosing shapes that increase or design. (object/person) has by being in decrease speed as a result of air motion.

To know that air resistance is the

level of drag on an object as it is

	forced through the air. To understand that the shape of a
	moving object will affect how it
	moves due to air resistance.

Substantive Knowledge Acquired in the Unit

- Know that products change and evolve over time.
- Know that aesthetics means how an object or product looks in design and technology.
- Know that a template is a stencil you can use to help you draw the same shape accurately.
- Know that a birds-eye view means a view from a high angle (as if a bird in flight).
- Know that graphics are images which are designed to explain or advertise something.
- Know that it is important to assess and evaluate design ideas and models against a list of design criteria.

Disciplinary Knowledge Acquired in the Unit

Fixing and Joining

• Relate a mechanism to its purpose and select for a desired type of movement

Mechanisms and Control

• Understanding linkage mechanisms and the type of movement they produce

Key Skills Acquired in the Unit

- Designing a shape that reduces air resistance.
- Drawing a net to create a structure from.
- Choosing shapes that increase or decrease speed as a result of air resistance.
- Personalise a design.
- Measuring, making, cutting and assembling with increasing accuracy.
- Making a model based on a chosen design.
- Evaluating the speed of the final product.

Misconceptions

Some children may think:

- The smaller the car the quicker it will travel.
- The bigger the wheels the quicker the car will travel.
- The shape of the car doesn't impact the speed.

By the end of this unit pupils will:

- Work independently to produce an accurate, functioning car chassis.
- Design a shape that is suitable for the project.
- Attempt to reduce air resistance through the design of the shape.
- Produce panels that will fit the chassis and can be assembled effectively using the tabs they have designed.
- Construct car bodies effectively.
- Conduct a trial accurately and draw conclusions and improvements from the results.

Medium Term Planning

	Lesson 1	Lesson 2	Lesson 3	Lesson 4	Lesson 5
Retrieval	Flashback 4				

	Question 1: What is this a picture of? (Axel, axel holder, vehicle, wheel) Question 2: What is this a picture of? (Axel, axel holder, vehicle, wheel) Question 3: What is this a picture of? (Axel, axel holder, vehicle, wheel) Question 4: What is this a picture of? (Axel, axel holder, vehicle, wheel) holder, vehicle, wheel)	Question 1: Which word is missing? 'Wheels are circular (axle, discs, axle holder, vehicle) Question 2: Which word is missing? 'Wheels are attached by the ' (axle, discs, axle holder, vehicle) Question 3: Which word is missing? 'The axle moves inside the (axle, discs, axle holder, vehicle) Question 4: Which word is missing? 'The axle holder is attached to the body of the (axle, discs, axle holder, vehicle)	Question 1: Vehicles need wheels to balance the body. (square, rectangular, round, triangular) Question 2: The wheels need to be attached to the (discs, axle, axle holder, body) Question 3: The axle needs to be inside the ((discs, axle, axle holder, body) Question 3: What do you call the body of a car? (axle, axle holder, discs, chassis) Question 4: 'The level of drag on an object as it is forced through the air.' What is this called? (chassis, air resistance, structure, kinetic energy)	What do we call the body of the car? (axle, axle holder, wheel, chassis) Question 2: Which word is missing? 'Wheels are attached by the' (axle, discs, axle holder, vehicle) Question 3: What is the energy that causes an object to move called? (air resistance, kinetic energy, chassis, structure) Question 4: Which word is used to describe when we put something together? (Structure, rigid, manipulate, assemble)	Question 1: Which word is missing? 'The axle holder is attached to the body of the (axle, discs, axle holder, vehicle) Question 2: What is this a picture of? (Axel, axel holder, vehicle, wheel) Question 3: Why do we evaluate a product? (to help us write down our ideas, to put parts together, to improve a product, to draw round a product) Question 4: 'The level of drag on an object as it is forced through the air.' What is this called? (chassis, air resistance, structure, kinetic energy)
Learning Objective:	To build a car chassis.	To design a shape that reduces air resistance.	To make a model based on a chosen design.	To assemble my completed product.	To test my completed product.
Key vocabulary	Tier 2 Kinetic Construction Mechanism Tier 3 Chassis Energy	Tier 2 Structure Resistance Research Model Template Tier 3 Chassis Air	Tier 2 Structure Resistance Research Model Template Graphics Tier 3 Chassis Air	Tier 2 Structure Resistance Research Model Template Graphics Assemble Tier 3 Chassis Air	Tier 2 Structure Resistance Research Model Template Graphics Assemble Tier 3 Chassis Air
Possible outcome	Children will use the demonstration video to create their own car chassis.	Children will use the design brief to create five design criterias. Children will communicate their ideas by drawing their car bodies from different angles.	Children will create all their panels and apply the graphics to them, either by drawing their designs and colouring them or gluing different coloured paper/card onto the panels. Children will construct the car, assembling each panel using a glue gun.	Children will assemble their car bodies to the chassis.	In their groups, children will carry out the time trials and record the results in a table.