



## *Design and technology* *Curriculum overview*

Kapow Primary offers full coverage of the KS1 and KS2 Design and technology curriculum and we have categorised our content into six areas:

Cooking and nutrition

Mechanisms

Structures

Textiles

Electrical systems [KS2]

Digital world [KS2]

Year group	Cooking and nutrition	Mechanisms	Structures	Textiles	Electrical systems	Digital world <i>New</i>
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Aside from Electrical systems and Digital world, which is KS2 only, each of these acts as the focus for a unit within each year group

1	Fruit and vegetables Smoothie	Moving storybook Wheels and axles	Windmills	Puppets		
2	A balanced diet	Moving monsters Ferris wheels	Baby bear's chair	Pouches		
3	Eating seasonally	Pneumatic toys	Castles	Cushions	Static electricity	Electronic charm
4	Adapting a recipe	Slingshot cars	Pavilions	Fastenings	Torches	Mindful moments timer
5	What could be healthier?	Pop-up books	Bridges	Stuffed toys	Electric greetings cards	Monitoring devices
6	Come dine with me	Automata toys	Playgrounds	Waistcoats	Steady hand games	Navigating the world

The four strands (below) of the Design and technology curriculum run through each unit; with Cooking and nutrition as the focus of one unit per year

Design

Make

Evaluate

Technical knowledge

Cooking and nutrition

Key stage 1 - National Curriculum Design and technology subject content  Pupils should be taught to:	Kapow Primary's Design and technology strands	Kapow Primary's topics Key stage 1	
		Year 1	Year 2
Design purposeful, functional, appealing products for themselves and other users based on design criteria	<b>Design</b>	<a href="#">Moving story books</a> <a href="#">Windmills</a> <a href="#">Puppets</a> <a href="#">Wheels and axles</a>	<a href="#">Moving monsters</a> <a href="#">Baby bear's chair</a> <a href="#">Pouches</a> <a href="#">Ferris wheels</a>
Generate, develop, model and communicate their ideas through talking, drawing, templates, mock-ups and, where appropriate, information and communication technology	<b>Design</b>	<a href="#">Moving story books</a> <a href="#">Windmills</a> <a href="#">Puppets</a> <a href="#">Wheels and axles</a>	<a href="#">Moving monsters</a> <a href="#">Baby bear's chair</a> <a href="#">Pouches</a> <a href="#">Ferris wheels</a>
Select from and use a range of tools and equipment to perform practical tasks [for example, cutting, shaping, joining and finishing]	<b>Make</b>	<a href="#">Fruit and vegetable smoothies</a> <a href="#">Moving story books</a> <a href="#">Windmills</a> <a href="#">Puppets</a> <a href="#">Wheels and axles</a>	<a href="#">Moving monsters</a> <a href="#">Baby bear's chair</a> <a href="#">Pouches</a> <a href="#">Ferris wheels</a>
Select from and use a wide range of materials and components, including construction materials, textiles and ingredients, according to their characteristics	<b>Make</b>	<a href="#">Fruit and vegetable smoothies</a> <a href="#">Moving story books</a> <a href="#">Windmills</a> <a href="#">Puppets</a> <a href="#">Wheels and axles</a>	<a href="#">A balanced diet</a> <a href="#">Moving monsters</a> <a href="#">Baby bear's chair</a> <a href="#">Pouches</a> <a href="#">Ferris wheels</a>
Explore and evaluate a range of existing products	<b>Evaluate</b>	<a href="#">Fruit and vegetable smoothies</a> <a href="#">Moving story books</a> <a href="#">Windmills</a> <a href="#">Wheels and axles</a>	<a href="#">A balanced diet</a> <a href="#">Moving monsters</a> <a href="#">Pouches</a> <a href="#">Ferris wheels</a>
Evaluate their ideas and products against design criteria	<b>Evaluate</b>	<a href="#">Moving story books</a> <a href="#">Windmills</a> <a href="#">Puppets</a> <a href="#">Wheels and axles</a>	<a href="#">Moving monsters</a> <a href="#">Baby bear's chair</a> <a href="#">Pouches</a> <a href="#">Ferris wheels</a>

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		Year 1	Year 2
Build structures, exploring how they can be made stronger, stiffer and more stable	Technical knowledge	<a href="#">Windmills</a>	<a href="#">Baby bear's chair</a> <a href="#">Ferris wheels</a>
Explore and use mechanisms [for example, levers, sliders, wheels and axles], in their products.	Technical knowledge	<a href="#">Moving story books</a> <a href="#">Wheels and axles</a> <a href="#">Windmills</a>	<a href="#">Moving monsters</a> <a href="#">Ferris wheels</a>
Use basic principles of a healthy and varied diet to prepare dishes	Cooking and nutrition	<a href="#">Fruit and vegetable smoothies</a>	<a href="#">A balanced diet</a>
Understand where food comes from	Cooking and nutrition	<a href="#">Fruit and vegetable smoothies</a>	<a href="#">A balanced diet</a>

Key stage 2 - National Curriculum Design and technology subject content  Pupils should be taught to:	Kapow Primary's Design and technology strands	Kapow Primary's topics Lower Key stage 2	
		Year 3	Year 4
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	Design	<a href="#">Eating seasonally</a> <a href="#">Castles</a> <a href="#">Cushions</a> <a href="#">Electric poster</a> <a href="#">Pneumatic toys</a> <a href="#">Electronic charm</a>	<a href="#">Pavilions</a> <a href="#">Adapting a recipe</a> <a href="#">Fastenings</a> <a href="#">Torches</a> <a href="#">Slingshot cars</a> <a href="#">Mindful timer</a>
Generate, develop, model and communicate their ideas through discussion, annotated sketches, cross-sectional and exploded diagrams, prototypes, pattern pieces and computer- aided design	Design	<a href="#">Castles</a> <a href="#">Cushions</a> <a href="#">Electric poster</a> <a href="#">Pneumatic toys</a> <a href="#">Electronic charm</a>	<a href="#">Pavilions</a> <a href="#">Fastenings</a> <a href="#">Torches</a> <a href="#">Slingshot cars</a>
Select from and use a wider range of tools and equipment to perform practical tasks [for example, cutting, shaping, joining and finishing], accurately	Make	<a href="#">Castles</a> <a href="#">Cushions</a> <a href="#">Electric poster</a> <a href="#">Pneumatic toys</a> <a href="#">Electronic charm</a>	<a href="#">Pavilions</a> <a href="#">Fastenings</a> <a href="#">Torches</a> <a href="#">Slingshot cars</a> <a href="#">Mindful timer</a>
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	Make	<a href="#">Eating seasonally</a> <a href="#">Castles</a> <a href="#">Cushions</a> <a href="#">Electric poster</a> <a href="#">Pneumatic toys</a> <a href="#">Electronic charm</a>	<a href="#">Pavilions</a> <a href="#">Adapting a recipe</a> <a href="#">Fastenings</a> <a href="#">Torches</a> <a href="#">Slingshot cars</a>
Investigate and analyse a range of existing products	Evaluate	<a href="#">Castles</a> <a href="#">Cushions</a> <a href="#">Electric poster</a> <a href="#">Pneumatic toys</a>	<a href="#">Pavilions</a> <a href="#">Adapting a recipe</a> <a href="#">Fastenings</a> <a href="#">Torches</a> <a href="#">Slingshot cars</a> <a href="#">Mindful timer</a>
Evaluate their ideas and products against their own design criteria and consider the views of others to improve their work	Evaluate	<a href="#">Castles</a> <a href="#">Cushions</a> <a href="#">Electric poster</a> <a href="#">Pneumatic toys</a> <a href="#">Electronic charm</a>	<a href="#">Pavilions</a> <a href="#">Adapting a recipe</a> <a href="#">Fastenings</a> <a href="#">Torches</a> <a href="#">Slingshot cars</a> <a href="#">Mindful timer</a>

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		Year 3	Year 4
Understand how key events and individuals in design and technology have helped shape the world	Evaluate	<a href="#">Pneumatic toys</a> <a href="#">Electronic charm</a>	<a href="#">Torches</a> <a href="#">Slingshot cars</a>
Apply their understanding of how to strengthen, stiffen and reinforce more complex structures	Technical knowledge	<a href="#">Castles</a>	<a href="#">Pavilions</a>
Understand and use mechanical systems in their products [for example, gears, pulleys, cams, levers and linkages]	Technical knowledge	<a href="#">Pneumatic toys</a>	<a href="#">Slingshot cars</a>
Understand and use electrical systems in their products [for example, series circuits incorporating switches, bulbs, buzzers and motors]	Technical knowledge	<a href="#">Electric poster</a>	<a href="#">Torches</a>
Apply their understanding of computing to program, monitor and control their products	Technical knowledge	<a href="#">Electronic charm</a>	<a href="#">Mindful timer</a>
Understand and apply principles of a healthy and varied diet	Cooking and nutrition	<a href="#">Eating seasonally</a>	<a href="#">Adapting a recipe</a>
Prepare and cook variety of predominantly savoury dishes using a range of cooking techniques	Cooking and nutrition	<a href="#">Eating seasonally</a>	<a href="#">Adapting a recipe</a>
Understand seasonality, and know where and how a variety of ingredients are grown, reared, caught and processed	Cooking and nutrition	<a href="#">Eating seasonally</a>	<a href="#">Adapting a recipe</a>

Key stage 2 - National Curriculum Design and technology subject content	Kapow Primary's Design and technology strands	Kapow Primary's topics Upper Key stage 2	
		Year 5	Year 6
Pupils should be taught to:			
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	Design	<a href="#">What could be healthier?</a> <a href="#">Pop-up books</a> <a href="#">Stuffed toys</a> <a href="#">Electronic greetings cards</a> <a href="#">Bridges</a> <a href="#">Monitoring devices</a>	<a href="#">Come dine with me</a> <a href="#">Automata toys</a> <a href="#">Waistcoats</a> <a href="#">Steady hand game</a> <a href="#">Playgrounds</a> <a href="#">Navigating the world</a>
Generate, develop, model and communicate their ideas through discussion, annotated sketches, cross-sectional and exploded diagrams, prototypes, pattern pieces and computer- aided design	Design	<a href="#">What could be healthier?</a> <a href="#">Pop-up books</a> <a href="#">Stuffed toys</a> <a href="#">Electronic greetings cards</a> <a href="#">Bridges</a> <a href="#">Monitoring devices</a>	<a href="#">Automata toys</a> <a href="#">Waistcoats</a> <a href="#">Steady hand game</a> <a href="#">Playgrounds</a> <a href="#">Navigating the world</a>
Select from and use a wider range of tools and equipment to perform practical tasks [for example, cutting, shaping, joining and finishing], accurately	Make	<a href="#">Pop-up books</a> <a href="#">Stuffed toys</a> <a href="#">Electronic greetings cards</a> <a href="#">Bridges</a>	<a href="#">Automata toys</a> <a href="#">Waistcoats</a> <a href="#">Steady hand game</a> <a href="#">Playgrounds</a> <a href="#">Navigating the world</a>
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	Make	<a href="#">What could be healthier?</a> <a href="#">Pop-up books</a> <a href="#">Stuffed toys</a> <a href="#">Electronic greetings cards</a> <a href="#">Bridges</a>	<a href="#">Come dine with me</a> <a href="#">Waistcoats</a> <a href="#">Steady hand game</a> <a href="#">Playgrounds</a>
Investigate and analyse a range of existing products	Evaluate	<a href="#">Pop-up books</a> <a href="#">Stuffed toys</a> <a href="#">Electronic greetings cards</a> <a href="#">Bridges</a>	<a href="#">Automata toys</a> <a href="#">Waistcoats</a> <a href="#">Steady hand game</a> <a href="#">Playgrounds</a>
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Understand and apply principles of a healthy and varied diet	Cooking and nutrition	<a href="#">What could be healthier?</a>	<a href="#">Come dine with me</a>
Prepare and cook variety of predominantly savoury dishes using a range of cooking techniques	Cooking and nutrition	<a href="#">What could be healthier?</a>	<a href="#">Come dine with me</a>
Understand seasonality, and know where and how a variety of ingredients are grown, reared, caught and processed	Cooking and nutrition	<a href="#">What could be healthier?</a>	<a href="#">Come dine with me</a>



Year 1	Unit description Pupils will...	Curriculum coverage The key strands are:      In this unit, the pupils will be...		Cross-curricular links
<b>Food: Fruit and vegetables smoothie</b>  (4 lessons)  <a href="#">Go to unit</a>	Learn how to identify fruits and vegetables. Then apply this knowledge to design and make a smoothie.	<b>Design</b>	Designing a smoothie carton, using traditional or digital (ICT) methods based on a chosen ingredient combination; selecting fruits and vegetables for a smoothie recipe	Science
		<b>Make</b>	Preparing, chopping and blending fruit and vegetables	
		<b>Evaluate</b>	Trialling and exploring combinations of ingredients, specifying favourite combinations	
		<b>Cooking and nutrition</b>	Recognising the difference between fruit and vegetables, describing texture and taste, developing knowledge about where fruit and vegetables grow, identifying parts of a plant	
<b>Mechanisms: Moving story books</b>  (4 lessons)  <a href="#">Go to unit</a>	Explore levers and sliders to make a moving story book.	<b>Design</b>	Planning and sketching the mechanical elements in the moving story book	English
		<b>Make</b>	Assembling mechanisms to create various movements (up, down, along, around)	
		<b>Evaluate</b>	Reflecting on the finished moving story book, by expressing likes, dislikes and improvements	
		<b>Technical knowledge</b>	Exploring how levers and sliders work in a paper-card format to create different movements	
<b>Structures: Windmills</b>  (4 lessons)  <a href="#">Go to unit</a>	Design and create their own structure and functioning windmill.	<b>Design</b>	Designing for a client and considering the client's preferences and requirements, following a basic list of criteria	Maths
		<b>Make</b>	Using templates and nets, selecting from basic crafting tools and materials (paper, card, scissors and glue) to create a functional mechanical windmill	
		<b>Evaluate</b>	Exploring different forms of windmill structures, testing the finished windmill	
		<b>Technical knowledge</b>	Developing awareness of different structure formats, forming an understanding of how to turn 2D nets into 3D shapes	
<b>Textiles: Puppets</b>  (4 lessons)  <a href="#">Go to unit</a>	Learn the different ways they can join fabrics together through the creation of a puppet.	<b>Design</b>	Designing a puppet based on a character, using a template and considering which colours and features will be needed	English
		<b>Make</b>	Cutting and joining fabric using glue, pins or staples, as well as attaching any additional features	Art and design
		<b>Evaluate</b>	Testing and exploring different methods of joining fabrics, and determining which would be best for the puppet, reflecting on the finished product	
		<b>Technical knowledge</b>	Understanding the various techniques used to join two fabrics together	
<b>Mechanisms: Wheels and axles</b>  (4 lessons)  <a href="#">Go to unit</a>	Experiment with mechanisms and troubleshoot why some wheels don't rotate, before designing and building a moving vehicle.	<b>Design</b>	Sketching, measuring and planning the chassis of the vehicle, including a computer- based digital racing flag design	Maths
		<b>Make</b>	Adapting mechanisms, measuring and cutting accurately to a design brief, working to scale and identifying commonly used materials for wheels	
		<b>Evaluate</b>	Researching and testing mechanisms	
		<b>Technical knowledge</b>	Investigating how wheels work as part of a full mechanism including axles and axle holders	

Year 2	Unit description Pupils will...	Curriculum coverage The key strands are: In this unit, the pupils will be...		Cross-curricular links
<b>Food: A balanced diet</b>  (4 lessons)  <a href="#">Go to unit</a>	Explore what makes a balanced diet and taste test combinations of different food groups before designing and making a wrap.	<b>Design</b>	Planning for a set brief, following simple criteria, designing a healthy wrap	Maths
		<b>Make</b>	Preparing food safely and hygienically, chopping and slicing safely using a bridge or claw grip	Science
		<b>Evaluate</b>	Conducting product research, trialling and feeding back on foods taste, texture and aroma	
		<b>Cooking and nutrition</b>	Identifying each of the food groups, understanding what makes a balanced diet, developing an awareness of hidden sugars in everyday foods	
<b>Mechanisms: Moving monsters</b>  (4 lessons)  <a href="#">Go to unit</a>	Analyse existing levers and linkage systems to identify components that they can use to plan, design and develop a mechanical monster.	<b>Design</b>	Devising and using design criteria, planning for the design and creation of a mechanical toy, drawing simple diagrams to express ideas	Maths
		<b>Make</b>	Cutting and assembling accurately, selecting appropriate crafting materials and tools such as card, paper, glue and paper fasteners	
		<b>Evaluate</b>	Carrying out primary research, exploring and discussing existing objects which have linkages, levers and pivots	
		<b>Technical knowledge</b>	Identifying inputs and outputs as part of a mechanism, developing an understanding of how linkages, levers and pivots operate together	
<b>Structures: Baby bear's chair</b>  (4 lessons)  <a href="#">Go to unit</a>	Experiment with different shapes and manipulate materials to explore and evaluate a range of structural properties. They apply this knowledge to their own design, make and test task.	<b>Design</b>	Designing for others, using criteria and applying knowledge of structures through planning	Maths
		<b>Make</b>	Identifying flaws in a pre-modelled design and thinking about ways to fix or strengthen them, cutting and assembling accurately, selecting from materials based on their characteristics	
		<b>Evaluate</b>	Exploring natural and man-made structures, testing and evaluating, analysing existing chairs including those by established designers	
		<b>Technical knowledge</b>	Understanding strength, stability and stiffness, knowing that different shapes can strengthen or weaken structures, know materials can be manipulated to improve strength and stiffness	
<b>Textiles: Pouches</b>  (4 lessons)  <a href="#">Go to unit</a>	Design and make their own wallet or purse, learning to use running stitch to join two pieces of fabric together.	<b>Design</b>	Developing and sketching design ideas using a template	Art and design
		<b>Make</b>	Threading a needle, sewing a running stitch, preparing fabrics for sewing, tying a secure knot	
		<b>Evaluate</b>	Discussing the making process and finished product, reviewing other's final outcome	
		<b>Technical knowledge</b>	Identifying parts of a needle (point and eye), understanding the alternative ways of joining fabrics and embellishments	
<b>Mechanisms: Ferris wheel</b>  (4 lessons)  <a href="#">Go to unit</a>	Explore existing mechanisms in order to design, test and make their own big wheel style ride.	<b>Design</b>	Using ICT to produce an inspiration board to review and annotate, designing mechanisms informed by research	Maths
		<b>Make</b>	Measuring and cutting accurately, working to scale and following a design brief, selecting materials based on their characteristics	Science
		<b>Evaluate</b>	Testing and adapting mechanisms, researching mechanisms and existing products	
		<b>Technical knowledge</b>	Understanding and consolidating how an axle, axle holder and wheel work in harmony, understanding various properties of basic materials such as plastic, wood and metal	

Year 3	Unit description Pupils will...	Curriculum coverage The key strands are: In this unit, the pupils will be...		Cross-curricular links
<b>Food: Eating seasonally</b>  (4 lessons)  <a href="#">Go to unit</a>	Learn about seasonality and how the climate a food is grown in can alter the way it tastes and make a crumble and tart using seasonal ingredients.	<b>Design</b>	Generating and adapting a seasonal recipe idea based on research, designing to simple criteria	Geography
		<b>Make</b>	Safely preparing fruit and vegetables, following a recipe, adapting a recipe	Science
		<b>Evaluate</b>	Tasting and evaluating their dessert against criteria	
		<b>Cooking and nutrition</b>	Knowing what foods are in season and when, understanding the benefits of various foods, knowing how climate affects which foods can grow naturally in different environments	
<b>Mechanisms: Pneumatic systems</b>  (4 lessons)  <a href="#">Go to unit</a>	Examine pneumatic systems using syringes and balloons then apply their understanding of mechanical systems to create their own pneumatic toys.	<b>Design</b>	Generating and communicating ideas using thumbnail sketches, exploded-diagrams and modelling, drawing plans to house the mechanism	Science
		<b>Make</b>	Selecting appropriate materials and equipment for functional and aesthetic purposes	
		<b>Evaluate</b>	Assessing how well their product works and if it matches their original design ideas and criteria	
		<b>Technical knowledge</b>	Understanding how pneumatic systems work, identifying the key inputs and outputs of the mechanism, expressing the need for visual communication in the design process	
<b>Structures: Castles</b>  (4 lessons)  <a href="#">Go to unit</a>	Learn more advanced construction techniques and plan for complex arrangements of structures with continual emphasis on evaluating throughout.	<b>Design</b>	Planning for manufacture, establishing and using a design criteria to help focus and evaluate their work, utilising research to inform idea generation	Maths
		<b>Make</b>	Using more demanding practical skills (paper engineering/paper folding techniques); including traditional and digital net creation using computer-aided-design (CAD)	
		<b>Evaluate</b>	Reflecting on their project as it progresses, evaluating their own and other's final product	
		<b>Technical knowledge</b>	Applying prior understanding and increasing knowledge of paper or card nets and structures; consolidating methods and techniques to improve stability and strength	
<b>Textiles: Cushions</b>  (4 lessons)  <a href="#">Go to unit</a>	Learn to sew cross stitch and appliqué and then apply this to the design and creation of a cushion.	<b>Design</b>	Designing and planning the style, shape and seams of a cushion, using pattern piece paper templates and models	Art and design
		<b>Make</b>	Sewing cross stitch and running stitch to join, complete seams, seal stuffing and add appliqué decorative elements, following specified design criteria	
		<b>Evaluate</b>	Reviewing existing products, expressing constructive feedback on other's work	
		<b>Technical knowledge</b>	Understanding that fabrics can be layered for effect, recognising the appearance and technique for different stitch types, including strength to reinforce joins	
<b>Electrical systems: Electric Poster</b>  (4 lessons)  <a href="#">Go to unit</a>	Introducing electrical systems, learning about circuit components and electric products and then applying this learning to design and assemble an electric poster.	<b>Design</b>	Learning about information design, creating an initial design from a brief and developing into a final design	Science
		<b>Make</b>	Mounting the poster, measuring and marking out using a ruler, fitting an electrical component (bulb).	
		<b>Evaluate</b>	Evaluating and their own and others' initial designs with constructive criticism and against the design criteria.	
		<b>Technical knowledge</b>	Understanding what an electrical system is, recognising common features of electrical products, knowing the names of some simple components.	

Year 4	Unit description Pupils will...	Curriculum coverage The key strands are:      In this unit, the pupils will be...		Cross-curricular links
<b>Food: Adapting a recipe</b>  (4 lessons)  <a href="#">Go to unit</a>	Adapt a recipe by adding or altering the ingredients and then work in groups to create a final design that falls within a set budget and design brief.	<b>Design</b>	Reviewing existing products to inform design ideas, working within a set design brief	Science
		<b>Make</b>	Following but adapting an existing recipe, preparing food hygienically, creaming and combining ingredients to form a basic dough	
		<b>Evaluate</b>	Reflecting on and identifying flavours from a prototype, reviewing what aspects to change to improve the current recipe	
		<b>Cooking and nutrition</b>	Understanding the cost implications behind professional food preparation, altering a dough to be savoury or sweet, knowing to mix dry ingredients before combining with wet	
<b>Structures: Pavilions</b>  (4 lessons)  <a href="#">Go to unit</a>	Be introduced to pavilion architecture, pupils experiment with frame structures before designing their own landscape and pavilion, using a wider range of materials and construction techniques.	<b>Design</b>	Exploring and designing within a given context or theme, aimed at a chosen target audience	Maths
		<b>Make</b>	Selecting from a range of materials and equipment to create frame structures, and to add aesthetic value	
		<b>Evaluate</b>	Discussing and reviewing existing pavilions and expo centres	
		<b>Technical knowledge</b>	Knowing what a pavilion is, building on prior knowledge of net structures and broadening knowledge of frames, know architects consider light, shadow and patterns when designing	
<b>Textiles: Fastenings</b>  (4 lessons)  <a href="#">Go to unit</a>	Research different types of fabric fastenings before deciding which they want to use in their design for a book sleeve.	<b>Design</b>	Devising a list of design criteria, planning production, annotating isometric diagrams and sketches to further develop initial design ideas	Art and design
		<b>Make</b>	Selecting appropriate fastening types and equipment to sew, measuring and cutting fabric materials accurately	
		<b>Evaluate</b>	Researching and analysing methods of fastening fabric, determining the strength and use of each	
		<b>Technical knowledge</b>	Understanding stitches and fastenings and their pros and cons, knowing how to use pattern pieces to tessellate and save fabric as well as produce more accurate results	
<b>Electrical systems: Torches</b>  (4 lessons)  <a href="#">Go to unit</a>	Be introduced to electricity and electrical safety before making a simple electric circuit to create a functioning torch.	<b>Design</b>	Designing for a chosen user-profile, identifying key properties (e.g. reflective, water resistant) of a material and utilising this knowledge to inform design ideas	Science
		<b>Make</b>	Making a functional, operational electrical series-circuit and housing this appropriately, selecting materials based on their characteristics	
		<b>Evaluate</b>	Reviewing and discussing existing torches, including use and the reasons behind the materials in their build	
		<b>Technical knowledge</b>	Identifying electrical components by name (e.g. bulb, cell), able to build a working electrical series-circuit and correct errors	
<b>Mechanisms: Slingshot cars</b>  (4 lessons)  <a href="#">Go to unit</a>	Use kinetic energy to power slingshot cars, designing and making their own and then testing their effectiveness in time trials	<b>Design</b>	Developing designs following a list of design criteria, modelling and testing the launch chassis	Science
		<b>Make</b>	Selecting the materials and tools to measure, mark, cut and assemble accurately, using nets and tabs to design and make the car chassis	
		<b>Evaluate</b>	Testing products in time trials, comparing to other's designs, discussing and recording ways to improve the speed of the car, reviewing and learning about aerodynamic shapes in cars	
		<b>Technical knowledge</b>	Utilising car-part terminology (e.g. chassis), consolidating net and template creation, recognising key mechanisms as part of a product's key functionality	

Year 5	Unit description Pupils will...	Curriculum coverage The key strands are:      In this unit, the pupils will be...		Cross-curricular links
<b>Food: What could be healthier?</b>  (4 lessons)  <a href="#">Go to unit</a>	Adapt a bolognese recipe by adding or altering ingredients and learn about the ethical and hygienic issues of food.	<b>Design</b>	Adapting an existing recipe,	Maths
		<b>Make</b>	Cutting, preparing and cooking vegetables and meat hygienically, using kitchen equipment such as knives, hot pans and hobs in a safe manner, recognising when meat is cooked	Computing
		<b>Evaluate</b>	Tasting and feeding back on existing pre-made bolognese sauces, suggesting substitute ingredients	
		<b>Cooking and nutrition</b>	Knowing where meat comes from and understand ethical issues around beef, identifying the nutritional values and contents on packaged food, making healthier ingredient swaps	
<b>Mechanisms: Pop-up books</b>  (4 lessons)  <a href="#">Go to unit</a>	Utilise a range of mechanisms and construction techniques to create a pop up story book for younger children.	<b>Design</b>	Planning using storyboards and designs, communicating through annotated illustrations, identifying where and how the mechanisms will operate as part of the design	English
		<b>Make</b>	Making functional components, using layers and spacers to construct pages, cutting and assembling with accuracy	
		<b>Evaluate</b>	Revisiting and reflecting on progress at numerous points throughout the project	
		<b>Technical knowledge</b>	Consolidating knowledge on sliders, levers and linkages, identifying inputs and outputs, utilising methods of paper modelling and folding to improve resilience during use	
<b>Textiles: Stuffed toys</b>  (4 lessons)  <a href="#">Go to unit</a>	Learn blanket stitch and then design and make 3D stuffed toys.	<b>Design</b>	Designing for a purpose, considering which techniques and materials to use, creating a paper pattern piece for the main body and individually for any additional components	Art and design
		<b>Make</b>	Selecting and using appropriate stitch types to join and attach materials depending on their properties	
		<b>Evaluate</b>	Comparing 3D object to 2D design, evaluating existing stuffed toys, identifying poor sewing technique and where possible rectifying it (e.g. to pull tighter, sew closer stitches)	
		<b>Technical knowledge</b>	Identifying methods of joining fabric effectively, running stitch, cross stitch and blanket stitch, knowing how to create a hidden seam and seal stuffing	
<b>Electrical systems: Electric greetings cards</b>  (4 lessons)  <a href="#">Go to unit</a>	Explore electric circuits and apply this knowledge to design and make their own electric greetings cards.	<b>Design</b>	Applying scientific knowledge to generate design ideas, identifying the target audience, considering methods of incorporating the circuitry	Science
		<b>Make</b>	Selecting materials based on their properties (e.g. conductive, insulating), creating and incorporating a functional series-circuit concealing it inside the card	
		<b>Evaluate</b>	Experimenting with, and testing, series and parallel circuits to determine which would be fit for purpose as part of their design ideas	
		<b>Technical knowledge</b>	Drawing circuit diagrams and symbols, knowing the function of different circuit components, understanding the terminology: insulator, conductor, LED, battery	
<b>Structures: Bridges</b>  (4 lessons)  <a href="#">Go to unit</a>	Explore and experiment with a range of different bridge structures, forces and components involved in bridge building, before designing and making their own to test to destruction.	<b>Design</b>	Designing arch and truss bridges, modelling various methods of bridge-making	Science
		<b>Make</b>	Using triangulation for bracing, selecting appropriate tools and equipment such as saws and bench hooks to cut wood down to size and sandpaper to achieve a high quality finish	
		<b>Evaluate</b>	Testing through trial and error to evaluate the successful and unsuccessful functional properties of a design and its materials	
		<b>Technical knowledge</b>	Understanding the importance of compression and tension in bridge structures, establishing methods of reinforcing more complex structures to improve strength, stability and stiffness	

Year 6	Unit description Pupils will...	Curriculum coverage The key strands are:      In this unit, the pupils will be...		Cross-curricular links
<b>Food: Come dine with me</b>  (4 lessons)  <a href="#">Go to unit</a>	Work in groups, they will research and prepare a three course meal that will be taste tested and scored as well as researching the journey of their main ingredient, from 'farm to fork'.	<b>Design</b>	Researching and reading recipe books to inspire and develop innovative recipes as part of a three-course meal, planning the methods and determining equipment required	PSHE
		<b>Make</b>	Working with food hygienically and safely, working to a time-scale, using a variety of cooking methods such as steaming, boiling and baking	Science
		<b>Evaluate</b>	Tasting, scoring and evaluating other's three-course meals	
		<b>Cooking and nutrition</b>	Understanding the risks of meat and fish when not cooked or stored properly, understanding the safe storage of meat and fish, designing a balanced three-course meal	
<b>Mechanisms: Automata toys</b>  (4 lessons)  <a href="#">Go to unit</a>	Develop their woodworking skills and explore cams to design and make mechanical window displays.	<b>Design</b>	Drawing and annotating exploded and cross-sectional diagrams to illustrate ideas, modelling various cam shapes, generating design ideas based on a design brief	Maths
		<b>Make</b>	Measuring, marking and cutting woodwork accurately, selecting appropriate equipment, assembling components accurately to create a fully functional mechanical toy	
		<b>Evaluate</b>	Experimenting with cams to establish which movement is fit for purpose against their design ideas, investigating and discussing existing automata toys, checking accuracy of joints	
		<b>Technical knowledge</b>	Understanding the relationship between the cam, follower, axle, handle and toppler, as part of a complete mechanism, creating a stable frame structure to support the mechanism	
<b>Textiles: Waistcoats</b>  (4 lessons)  <a href="#">Go to unit</a>	Learn how to measure, cut and assemble fabric to create a waistcoat. They will draw a design in accordance with their own design criteria.	<b>Design</b>	Devising a list of design criteria, sketching and annotating design ideas on to a pattern piece and amending the measurements to suit their desired client	Art and design
		<b>Make</b>	Marking out, cutting and joining fabrics accurately, creating a consistent seam and attaching fastenings appropriately, applying decorative features such as appliqué	Maths
		<b>Evaluate</b>	Exploring existing products and considering the user, materials and shape, evaluating the final outcome against the design criteria and client's requirements and preferences	
		<b>Technical knowledge</b>	Knowing how to create hidden seams, accurate and consistent stitches, and secure fastenings	
<b>Electrical systems: Steady hand games</b>  (4 lessons)  <a href="#">Go to unit</a>	Create electromagnetic toys and more complex electronic circuits to create a steady hand game.	<b>Design</b>	Generating ideas through sketching and discussion, modelling ideas through prototypes, establishing a list of design criteria	Science
		<b>Make</b>	Selecting and using appropriate materials and equipment, to cut, measure and mark accurately including the use of set-squares and rulers	
		<b>Evaluate</b>	Adapting products to improve functionality, testing that the product is fit for purpose and operates as planned against the design criteria	
		<b>Technical knowledge</b>	Creating and using electric series-circuits effectively, knowing how to make electromagnetic motors, creating nets for 3D shapes to house the circuitry and act as a stable base	
<b>Structures: Playgrounds</b>  (4 lessons)  <a href="#">Go to unit</a>	Have the opportunity to be creative and experiment with a wide range of materials and equipment, applying prior knowledge of net and frame structures as well as bracing and cladding to design and make a playground.	<b>Design</b>	Establishing and using list of design criteria, drawing a floor-plan diagram to demonstrate what apparatus they plan to create and where it will be positioned	Maths
		<b>Make</b>	Increasingly more demanding practical skills, selecting materials for their aesthetic and functional properties, make, strengthen and stiffen a range of structures	
		<b>Evaluate</b>	Evaluating and analysing existing and modelled playground structures, exploring different materials to achieve various textures, patterns and structures, reviewing other's work	
		<b>Technical knowledge</b>	Applying knowledge of construction techniques to realise design ideas, stabilising more complex structures using bracing, creating 3D shapes using custom nets	

KS2 Digital world		Unit description Pupils will...	Curriculum coverage The key strands are: In this unit, the pupils will be...		Cross-curricular links
Y3 Digital world: Electronic charm	Design, develop a program, house and promote a Micro:bit electronic charm to use in low-light conditions.	Design	Read a scenario and consider how a smart product could aid children walking at night. Develop design criteria to fulfill the need. Design 2D CAD display badges and mini stands.	Computing	
(4 lessons)		Make	Make a soft-foam pouch to house the microprocessor and LED screen for your flashing light to hang on a bag. Decorate the pouch to meet the design criteria.		
<a href="#">Go to unit</a>		Evaluate	Consider the impact of the digital revolution across a range of well-known products and the new wave of smart wearables.		
		Technical knowledge	Apply computing skills to develop a program that will provide a flashing light as part of a bag charm. Extend the program to automatically flash when the light levels drop too low.		
Y4 Digital world: Mindful moment timer	Explore what is meant by mindfulness and write design criteria to fulfil a brief to develop a programmed product for timing a mindful moment.	Design	Research and write design criteria for a mindfulness moment timer. Develop a 2D computer-aided design brand logo.	Computing	
(4 lessons)		Make	Develop card prototype cases to house the microprocessor and LED screen of your timer, plus decorative features to fulfil the design criteria and theme.	RSE & PSHE	
<a href="#">Go to unit</a>		Evaluate	Analyse existing timers to aid in planned mindfulness breaks, and consider how a programmed product could be tailored to your researched individual preferences.		
		Technical knowledge	Apply computing skills to program a timer, plus an optional LED pattern to indicate the timer has ran out and a reset button to start the timer again.		
Y5 Digital world: Monitoring devices	Apply Computing knowledge and understanding to program a Micro: bit animal monitoring device. Develop 3D CAD skills by learning how to navigate the Tinkercad interface and essential tools to combine multiple objects.	Design	Develop design criteria for a smart temperature monitor. Research animals to determine which species to design for and decide how the product will attach, stand and function. Learn new skills to create 3D computer-aided design virtual models.	Computing	
(4 lessons)		Make	Recognise the reason for the existence of plastic and why it now threatens our planets ecosystem. Repurpose toy building-bricks to model various product housing ideas.	RSE & PSHE	
<a href="#">Go to unit</a>		Evaluate	Explore the invention, history and development of the thermometer. Understand the different applications that monitoring devices are used for today.		
		Technical knowledge	Apply computing skills to program and develop a monitor tailored to an animal of choice and alert the owner when the temperature is not optimum.		
Y5 Digital world Navigating the world	Design and program a navigation tool to produce a multifunctional device for trekkers using CAD 3D modelling software. Pitch and explain the product to a guest panel.	Design	Receive a client submission, write and develop a design brief and criteria to follow for developing a navigational tool. Continue developing 3D CAD skills to product a virtual model.	Computing	
(5 lessons)		Make	Learn about different sustainable and unsustainable materials, consider the most appropriate functional properties as part of the product concept.	English	
<a href="#">Go to unit</a>		Evaluate	Reflect on new skills and determine whether your product concept, including material choices and 3D virtual model were successful against the client's needs through the brief and criteria.		
		Technical knowledge	Apply computing skills to program a combination of functions including compass and/or pedometer, plus any additional code learnt across the Y3-5 Digital world units to produce a smart navigation tool.		

### Advice:

Our new Digital world units have a key focus on the Design and technology - National Curriculum technical knowledge objective to: apply their understanding of computing to program, monitor and control their products. This objective also touches upon objectives from the Computing National Curriculum (cross-curricular) but otherwise requires the children to recognise and justify where the program has formed part of a complete product and why they chose to use or adapt particular functions in the code - as stated in the D&T NC 'When designing and making, pupils should be taught to'. These units also touch upon the *design*, *make*, *evaluate* and other *technical knowledge* objectives as part of complete projects from beginning to end. Each unit has a development of skills using 2D to 3D computer-aided design programs to create graphics and virtual models.

# Suggested plan for mixed-age groups: Keystage bracket - Two year cycle



See below for a suggested method of delivery for mixed-age classes/groups within the same keystage brackets: KS1, lower KS2 and upper KS2.

1st year cycle			2nd year cycle		
KS1 (Y1/2 group)	Lower KS2 (Y3/4 group)	Upper KS2 (Y5/6 group)	KS1 (Y1/2 group)	Lower KS2 (Y3/4 group)	Upper KS2 (Y5/6 group)
Food: Fruit and vegetables (4 lessons)	Food: Eating seasonally (4 lessons)	Food: What could be healthier? (4 lessons)	Food: A balanced diet (4 lessons)	Structures: Pavilions (4 lessons)	Food: Come dine with me (4 lessons)
<a href="#">Go to unit</a>	<a href="#">Go to unit</a>	<a href="#">Go to unit</a>	<a href="#">Go to unit</a>	<a href="#">Go to unit</a>	<a href="#">Go to unit</a>
Mechanisms: Moving story book (4 lessons)	Structures: Constructing a castle (4 lessons)	Mechanical systems: Pop-up book (4 lessons)	Mechanisms: Moving monster (4 lessons)	Food: Adapting a recipe (4 lessons)	Mechanical systems: Automata toys (4 lessons)
<a href="#">Go to unit</a>	<a href="#">Go to unit</a>	<a href="#">Go to unit</a>	<a href="#">Go to unit</a>	<a href="#">Go to unit</a>	<a href="#">Go to unit</a>
Structures: Constructing a windmill (4 lessons)	Textiles: Cushions (4 lessons)	Textiles: Stuffed toys (4 lessons)	Structures: Baby bear's chair (4 lessons)	Textiles: Fastenings (4 lessons)	Textiles: Waistcoats (4 lessons)
<a href="#">Go to unit</a>	<a href="#">Go to unit</a>	<a href="#">Go to unit</a>	<a href="#">Go to unit</a>	<a href="#">Go to unit</a>	<a href="#">Go to unit</a>
Textiles: Puppets (4 lessons)	Digital world: Electronic charm (4 lessons)	Electrical systems: Greetings cards (4 lessons)	Textiles: Pouches (4 lessons)	Electrical systems: Torches (4 lessons)	Digital world: Navigating the world (4 lessons)
<a href="#">Go to unit</a>	<a href="#">Go to unit</a>	<a href="#">Go to unit</a>	<a href="#">Go to unit</a>	<a href="#">Go to unit</a>	<a href="#">Go to unit</a>
Mechanisms: Wheels and axles (4 lessons)	Mechanical systems: Pneumatic toys (4 lessons)	Structures: Bridges (4 lessons)	Mechanisms: Fairground wheel (4 lessons)	Mechanical systems: Slingshot car (4 lessons)	Structures: Playgrounds (4 lessons)
<a href="#">Go to unit</a>	<a href="#">Go to unit</a>	<a href="#">Go to unit</a>	<a href="#">Go to unit</a>	<a href="#">Go to unit</a>	<a href="#">Go to unit</a>