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Autumn 1		<p>Structures Freestanding structures</p> <p>Designing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Generate ideas based on simple design criteria and their own experiences, explaining what they could make. • Develop, model and communicate their ideas through talking, mock-ups and drawings. <p>Making</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plan by suggesting what to do next. • Select and use tools, skills and techniques, explaining their choices. 	<p>Mechanisms (Wheels and axles)</p> <p>Designing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Generate initial ideas and simple design criteria through talking and using own experiences. • Develop and communicate ideas through drawings and mock-ups. <p>Making</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Select from and use a range of tools and equipment to perform practical tasks such as cutting and joining to allow movement and finishing. 	<p>Textiles (2-D shape to 3-D product)</p> <p>Designing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Generate realistic ideas through discussion and design criteria for an appealing, functional product fit for purpose and specific user/s. • Produce annotated sketches, prototypes, final product sketches and pattern pieces. <p>Making</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plan the main stages of making. • Select and use a range of appropriate tools with some accuracy e.g. cutting, joining and finishing. 	<p>Mechanical Systems Levers and linkages</p> <p>Designing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Generate realistic ideas and their own design criteria through discussion, focusing on the needs of the user. • Use annotated sketches and prototypes to develop, model and communicate ideas. <p>Making</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Order the main stages of making. • Select from and use appropriate tools with some accuracy to cut, shape and join paper and card. 	<p>Electrical Systems More complex switches and circuits (including programming, monitoring & control)</p> <p>Designing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use research to develop a design specification for a functional product that responds automatically to changes in the environment. Take account of constraints including time, resources and cost. • Generate and develop innovative ideas and share and clarify these through discussion. • Communicate ideas through annotated sketches, pictorial representations of electrical circuits or circuit diagrams. <p>Making</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formulate a step-by-step plan to guide making, listing tools, equipment, materials and components. • Competently select and accurately assemble materials, and securely connect electrical components to produce a reliable, functional product. 	<p>Structures Frame structures</p> <p>Designing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carry out research into user needs and existing products, using surveys, interviews, questionnaires and web-based resources. • Develop a simple design specification to guide the development of their ideas and products, taking account of constraints including time, resources and cost. • Generate, develop and model innovative ideas, through discussion, prototypes and annotated sketches. <p>Making</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formulate a clear plan, including a step-by-step list of what needs to be done and lists of resources to be used. • Competently select from and use appropriate tools to accurately measure, mark out, cut, shape and join construction materials to make frameworks.
Autumn 2		<p>• Select new and reclaimed materials and construction kits to build their structures.</p> <p>• Use simple finishing techniques suitable for the structure they are creating.</p> <p>Evaluating</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore a range of existing freestanding structures in the school and local environment e.g. everyday products and buildings. • Evaluate their product by discussing how well it works in relation to the purpose, the user and whether it meets the original design criteria. <p>Food (Nutrition) Skills</p>	<p>• Select from and use a range of materials and components such as paper, card, plastic and wood according to their characteristics.</p> <p>Evaluating</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore and evaluate a range of products with wheels and axles. • Evaluate their ideas throughout and their products against original criteria. <p>Food (Nutrition) Skill</p>	<p>• Select fabrics and fastenings according to their functional characteristics e.g. strength, and aesthetic qualities e.g. pattern.</p> <p>Evaluating</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investigate a range of 3-D textile products relevant to the project. • Test their product against the original design criteria and with the intended user. • Take into account others' views. • Understand how a key event/individual has influenced the development of the chosen product and/or fabric. <p>Food (Nutrition) Skill</p>	<p>• Select from and use finishing techniques suitable for the product they are creating.</p> <p>Evaluating</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investigate and analyse books and, where available, other products with lever and linkage mechanisms. • Evaluate their own products and ideas against criteria and user needs, as they design and make. <p>Food (Nutrition) Skills</p>	<p>• Create and modify a computer control program to enable an electrical product to work automatically in response to changes in the environment.</p> <p>Evaluating</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continually evaluate and modify the working features of the product to match the initial design specification. • Test the system to demonstrate its effectiveness for the intended user and purpose. • Investigate famous inventors who developed ground-breaking electrical systems and components. <p>Food (Nutrition) Skills</p>	<p>• Use finishing and decorative techniques suitable for the product they are designing and making.</p> <p>Evaluating</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investigate and evaluate a range of existing frame structures. • Critically evaluate their products against their design specification, intended user and purpose, identifying strengths and areas for development, and carrying out appropriate tests. • Research key events and individuals relevant to frame structures. <p>Food (Nutrition) Skills</p>



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Formulate step-by-step plans and, if appropriate, allocate tasks within a team. • Select from and use a range of tools and equipment to make products that that are accurately assembled and well finished. Work within the constraints of time, resources and cost. <p>Evaluating</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compare the final product to the original design specification. • Test products with intended user and critically evaluate the quality of the design, manufacture, functionality and fitness for purpose. • Consider the views of others to improve their work. • Investigate famous manufacturing and engineering companies relevant to the project. <p>Food (Testing and Nutrition)</p>	<p>Textiles Combining different fabric shapes (including computer-aided design)</p> <p>Designing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Generate innovative ideas through research including surveys, interviews and questionnaires. • Develop, model and communicate ideas through talking, drawing, templates, mock-ups and prototypes including using computer-aided design. • Design purposeful, functional, appealing products for the intended user that are fit for purpose based on a simple design specification. <p>Making</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Produce detailed lists of equipment and fabrics relevant to their tasks. • Formulate step-by-step plans and, if appropriate, allocate tasks within a team. • Select from and use a range of tools and equipment, including CAD, to make products that are accurately assembled and well finished. Work within the constraints of time, resources and cost. <p>Evaluating</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investigate and analyse textile products linked to their final product. • Compare the final product to the original design specification. • Test products with intended user, where safe and practical, and critically evaluate the quality of the design, manufacture, functionality and fitness for purpose. • Consider the views of others to improve their work. <p>Food (Testing and Nutrition)</p>
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Summer 1		<p>Food (Design and Make) Preparing fruit and vegetables (including cooking and nutrition requirement for KS1)</p> <p>Designing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Design appealing products for a particular user based on simple design criteria. • Generate initial ideas and design criteria through investigating a variety of fruit and vegetables. • Communicate these ideas through talk and drawings. <p>Making</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use simple utensils and equipment to e.g. peel, cut, slice, squeeze, grate and chop safely. • Select from a range of fruit and vegetables according to their characteristics e.g. colour, texture and taste to create a chosen product. <p>Evaluating</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Taste and evaluate a range of fruit and vegetables to determine the intended user's preferences. • Evaluate ideas and finished products against design criteria, including intended user and purpose. 	<p>Food (Design and Make) Preparing fruit and vegetables (including cooking and nutrition requirement for KS1)</p> <p>Designing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Design appealing products for a particular user based on simple design criteria. • Generate initial ideas and design criteria through investigating a variety of fruit and vegetables. • Communicate these ideas through talk and drawings. <p>Making</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use simple utensils and equipment to e.g. peel, cut, slice, squeeze, grate and chop safely. • Select from a range of fruit and vegetables according to their characteristics e.g. colour, texture and taste to create a chosen product. <p>Evaluating</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Taste and evaluate a range of fruit and vegetables to determine the intended user's preferences. • Evaluate ideas and finished products against design criteria, including intended user and purpose. 	<p>Food (Design and Make) Healthy and varied diet (including cooking and nutrition requirements for KS2)</p> <p>Designing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Generate and clarify ideas through discussion with peers and adults to develop design criteria including appearance, taste, texture and aroma for an appealing product for a particular user and purpose. • Use annotated sketches and appropriate information and communication technology, such as web-based recipes, to develop and communicate ideas. <p>Making</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plan the main stages of a recipe, listing ingredients, utensils and equipment. • Select and use appropriate utensils and equipment to prepare and combine ingredients. • Select from a range of ingredients to make appropriate food products, thinking about sensory characteristics. <p>Evaluating</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carry out sensory evaluations of a variety of ingredients and products. Record the evaluations using e.g. tables and simple graphs. • Evaluate the ongoing work and the final product with reference to the design criteria and the views of others. 	<p>Food (Design and Make) Healthy and varied diet (including cooking and nutrition requirements for KS2)</p> <p>Designing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Generate and clarify ideas through discussion with peers and adults to develop design criteria including appearance, taste, texture and aroma for an appealing product for a particular user and purpose. • Use annotated sketches and appropriate information and communication technology, such as web-based recipes, to develop and communicate ideas. <p>Making</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plan the main stages of a recipe, listing ingredients, utensils and equipment. • Select and use appropriate utensils and equipment to prepare and combine ingredients. • Select from a range of ingredients to make appropriate food products, thinking about sensory characteristics. <p>Evaluating</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carry out sensory evaluations of a variety of ingredients and products. Record the evaluations using e.g. tables and simple graphs. • Evaluate the ongoing work and the final product with reference to the design criteria and the views of others. 	<p>Food (Design and Make) Celebrating culture and seasonality (including cooking and nutrition requirements for KS2)</p> <p>Designing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Generate innovative ideas through research and discussion with peers and adults to develop a design brief and criteria for a design specification. • Explore a range of initial ideas, and make design decisions to develop a final product linked to user and purpose. • Use words, annotated sketches and information and communication technology as appropriate to develop and communicate ideas. <p>Making</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Write a step-by-step recipe, including a list of ingredients, equipment and utensils • Select and use appropriate utensils and equipment accurately to measure and combine appropriate ingredients. • Make, decorate and present the food product appropriately for the intended user and purpose. <p>Evaluating</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carry out sensory evaluations of a range of relevant products and ingredients. Record the evaluations using e.g. tables/graphs/charts such as star diagrams. • Evaluate the final product with reference back to the design brief and design specification, taking into account the views of others when identifying improvements. • Understand how key chefs have influenced eating habits to promote varied and healthy diets. 	<p>Food (Design and Make) Celebrating culture and seasonality (including cooking and nutrition requirements for KS2)</p> <p>Designing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Generate innovative ideas through research and discussion with peers and adults to develop a design brief and criteria for a design specification. • Explore a range of initial ideas, and make design decisions to develop a final product linked to user and purpose. • Use words, annotated sketches and information and communication technology as appropriate to develop and communicate ideas. <p>Making</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Write a step-by-step recipe, including a list of ingredients, equipment and utensils • Select and use appropriate utensils and equipment accurately to measure and combine appropriate ingredients. • Make, decorate and present the food product appropriately for the intended user and purpose. <p>Evaluating</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carry out sensory evaluations of a range of relevant products and ingredients. 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