



Early Years Foundation Stage

Overview:

The EYFS framework is structured very differently to the National Curriculum as it is organised across seven areas of learning rather than subject areas.

This table shows which statements from the 2020 Development Matters are prerequisite skills for DT within the national curriculum. The table outlines the most relevant statements taken from the Early Learning Goals in the EYFS statutory framework and the Development Matters age ranges for: Three- & Four-Year-Olds and Reception to match the programme of study for DT.

The most relevant statements for DT are taken from the following areas of learning: Physical Development & Expressive Arts and Design

Three- & Four-Year-Olds		
Personal, Social and Emotional	• Select and use activities and resources, with help when needed. This	
Development	helps them to achieve a goal they have chosen or one which is	
	suggested to them.	
Physical Development	 Use large-muscle movements to wave flags and streamers, paint and 	
	make marks.	
	 Choose the right resources to carry out their own plan. 	
	 Use one-handed tools and equipment, for example, making snips in 	
	paper with scissors.	
Understanding the World	Explore how things work.	
Expressive Arts and Design	 Make imaginative and complex 'small worlds' with blocks and 	
	construction kits, such as a city with different buildings and a park.	
	 Explore different materials freely, in order to develop their ideas 	
	about how to use them and what to make.	
	 Develop their own ideas and then decide which materials to use to 	
	express them.	
	 Create closed shapes with continuous lines, and begin to use these 	
	shapes to represent objects.	
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Key Stages 1 & 2

Overview:

Design and technology is an inspiring, rigorous and practical subject. Using creativity and imagination, pupils design and make products that solve real and relevant problems within a variety of contexts, considering their own and others' needs, wants and values. They acquire a broad range of subject knowledge and draw on disciplines such as mathematics, science, engineering, computing and art. Pupils learn how to take risks, becoming resourceful, innovative, enterprising and capable citizens. Through the evaluation of past and present design and technology, they develop a critical understanding of its impact on daily life and the wider world. High-quality design and technology education makes an essential contribution to the creativity, culture, wealth and well-being of the nation.

Aims:

The national curriculum for design and technology aims to ensure that all pupils:

- develop the creative, technical and practical expertise needed to perform everyday tasks confidently and to participate successfully in an increasingly technological world
- build and apply a repertoire of knowledge, understanding and skills in order to design and make high-quality prototypes and products for a wide range of users
- critique, evaluate and test their ideas and products and the work of others
- understand and apply the principles of nutrition and learn how to cook.

Key Stage 1		
Design	Make	
 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 	 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 	
Evaluate	Technical Knowledge	
 explore and evaluate a range of existing products evaluate their ideas and products against design criteria 	 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		
Design	Make	
 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 [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 	
Evaluate	Technical knowledge	
 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 	 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. 	