

Baydon St Nicholas DT Units Taught 2026-2027

Robins

DT ROBINS EYFS and Y1	AUTUMN	AUTUMN 2	SPRING	SPRING 2	SUMMER	SUMMER 2
Area of Learning	Mechanisms: Matching slider game	COOKING AND NUTRITION: Smoothies	Structures: A chair for a specific user	TEXTILES: Simple Stitches	MECHANISMS: Wheels and Axles	★ As overflow time to complete units where school events takeover provide more time for to complete projects
Unit Outcomes	Understand that products are designed and identify product mechanisms. Describe the movement mechanisms as up and down, left forwards and backwards. Think about the needs of the user. Communicate ideas. Work independently to make a working slider mechanism. Use a range of tools with accuracy to cut and join materials. Understand the benefits of different materials and explain choices. Explain what went well and how to improve about their product.	Describe fruits and vegetables and explain how to identify fruits. Name a range of places where fruits and vegetables grow. Describe basic characteristics of fruit and vegetables. Prepare fruits and vegetables to make a smoothie.	Describe how chairs are designed for different users and purposes. Explain how design brief criteria help when making a product. Name some shapes that are stronger than others. Describe how making a chair stronger makes it more stiff. Understand and use the terms of strong, weak, stiff and flexible. Make a stable chair structure for a particular user. Select suitable materials and join them securely. Evaluate a product against design criteria. Improve parts of a product on the design criteria.	Name some objects made from different fabrics. Describe the look and feel of different fabrics. Thread a needle. Make a series of stitches. Match each other in embroidery fabric. Choose colours and shades for design. Explain their ideas to others verbally and with a sketch. Choose materials based on texture. Follow the general position lines of a design with stitches. Say what they like about their own and others' stitching and what could be improved.	Choose and use the most appropriate tool for cutting out different shapes. Test and compare wheels of different shapes, thicknesses and materials. Estimate the middle of a wheel. Design, draw and label a wheel that uses a simple mechanism. Identify the needs of the user. Make and finish a simple toy. Evaluate a product against design criteria and provide feedback.	

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Year 1 Key Skills	Design Thinking about what others might want from a design. Beginning to recognise how products and designs in the world around us solve certain needs. Considering who they are designing for, by identifying the user. Stating what they intend to make and why, by identifying the purpose. Talking about ideas with purpose and the user in mind. Talking about existing products when generating ideas. Creating mock-ups to communicate designs. Make Planning more than one step ahead. Choosing between a small number of materials, ingredients or components. Explaining their choices based on personal experiences. Requesting equipment appropriate to the purpose (e.g. scissors for cutting, glue for joining). Explaining in simple terms why certain tools must be handled carefully. Following and recalling simple safety instructions. Beginning to use objects with a fixed width or length to create even spacing of markings or cuts (e.g. a lolly stick). Refining their grip to cut competently and confidently. Cutting straight lines and evenly spaced lines. Beginning to cut large shapes and thicker materials like card. Puncturing holes. Applying masking tape to fix something in place or join the edges. Using tools, like scissors, to create shapes. Beginning to cut large shapes and thicker materials like card. Evaluate Discussing existing products, saying what they like about them. Discussing how their products could be improved based on personal preferences. Saying what they like about their peers' designs and products. Accepting feedback and understanding it is meant to improve their work. Technical knowledge Recognising and exploring everyday objects that have mechanisms. Recognising everyday objects that	Designing smoothie packaging by hand. Chopping fruit and vegetables safely to make a smoothie. Juicing fruits to make smoothies. Identifying if a food is safe to eat. Learning where and how vegetables grow. Tasting and evaluating different foods. Describing appearance and taste. Suggesting information included on packaging.	Design Using a simple design brief that outlines the intended use, target user and key features of the product to create simple design criteria. Creating ideas with design criteria in mind. Referring to specific parts of existing products when generating ideas. Make Choosing materials, ingredients or components from a wider range of materials, ingredients or components. Explaining their choices based on the properties of materials and components. Looking for ways to make cutting easier, for example, turning the material they are cutting, not fully closing the scissors, etc. Choosing known geometric shapes when making. Beginning to shape objects to improve how they work. Evaluate Discussing a range of existing products and saying what they like and dislike about them. Comparing a range of products and explaining why some better meet different design criteria than others. Evaluating their ideas and creations against simple design criteria. Technical knowledge Recognising that different structures are used for different purposes. Exploring the features of structures. Making stable structures from card. Creating supporting structures to aid stability. Using stable objects like cylinders to create structures. Building a strong and stiff structure by folding paper. Folding to strengthen or stiffen. Comparing the stability of different shapes. Identifying the weakest part of a structure.	Design Stating what they intend to make and why – identifying the purpose. Talking about ideas, with purpose and user in mind. Using basic drawing skills to communicate ideas. Make Choosing between a small number of materials, ingredients or components. Explaining their choices based on personal experiences. Explaining in simple terms why certain tools must be handled carefully. Following and recalling simple safety instructions. Using a straightedge to draw a straight line. Beginning to use objects with a fixed width or length to create even spacing of markings or cuts. (e.g. a lolly stick). Using a large plastic needle and large-weave embroidery fabric to begin to create a running stitch. Applying masking tape to fix something in place or join to edges. Adding texture to create visual interest. Evaluate Saying what they like about their peers' designs and products. Accepting feedback and understanding it is meant to improve their work. Technical knowledge Discussing fabric properties. Threading large needles. Rehearsing sewing techniques with large needles and thick thread, like wool. Sewing a running stitch in large-weave embroidery fabric or hessian. Creating patterns and following them with stitching. Spacing stitches evenly.	Design Thinking about what others might want from a design. Beginning to recognise how products and designs in the world around us solve certain needs. Considering who they are designing for – by identifying the user. Stating what they intend to make and why – by identifying the purpose. Talking about ideas with purpose and user in mind. Talking about existing products when generating ideas. Using basic drawing skills to communicate ideas. Make Planning more than one step ahead. Choosing between a small number of materials, ingredients or components. Explaining their choices based on personal experiences. Requesting equipment appropriate to the purpose (e.g. scissors for cutting and glue for joining). Explaining in simple terms why certain tools must be handled carefully. Following and recalling simple safety instructions. Finding the middle of an object. Refining their grip to cut competently and confidently. Cutting straight lines and evenly spaced lines. Beginning to cut large shapes and thicker materials like card. Puncturing holes. Recognising the edges of paper and card need to be stuck firmly using a glue stick. Using tools, like scissors, to create shapes. Beginning to use controlled painting or colouring techniques to finish a product. Adding texture to create visual interest.	

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Year 1 Key Knowledge	Design To know: The user is the person who will use the product. Different users may want different things from a design. Designers usually design and make something to solve a problem. Who they are designing for makes a difference to what they design. The purpose is what something is for. A mock-up is a model of how something works. Make To know: Choosing different materials or components will have an effect on what their product does or looks like. Different equipment does different things. Names of common pieces of equipment. Some tools are sharp like scissors and knives. Following instructions helps with safety. Cutting in a straight line can be helpful when making. Evaluate To know: Some products will be better than others. Their ideas or products can be made better. Technical knowledge To know:	That a blender is a machine that mixes ingredients together into a liquid. That a fruit has seeds and a vegetable does not. That fruits grow on trees and vegetables can grow above or below ground. That vegetables are a part of a plant.	Design To know: A design brief helps to decide what to make. Design criteria are the steps for making a product successful. Design criteria help when thinking of ideas. Different products work in different ways and have parts that make them work. Make To know: Some properties of materials, such as hard, soft, flexible, waterproof, strong, etc. The names of some geometric shapes, such as triangle, pyramid, square, cube, circle and sphere. Evaluate To know: Existing products can be evaluated against design criteria. Design criteria help to decide if their product is a success. Improve means to make something better. Technical knowledge To know: A structure is something that has been made and put	Design To know: Drawings are a way to explain ideas. Make To know: Choosing different materials or components will affect what the product does or looks like. The names of common pieces of equipment. Following instructions helps with safety. Spacing cuts or marks evenly can be useful. Texture is how something feels. Evaluate To know: Their ideas or products can be made better. Their final product might be different to their original idea. Their ideas can make someone else's work better. Other people's ideas can help make their work better. Technical knowledge To know: Evenly spaced stitches help when following a pattern.	Many things that move inside to help them work. Mechanisms usually link movement. An axle allows the wheel to turn without falling off.	

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Year 1 Key Vocabulary	mechanism movement slider	blend blender chopping board compare cut design evaluate flavour fork fruit healthy ingredients juice juicer leaf plant recipe root seed select smoothie stem table knife taste tree vegetable vine	design brief design criteria evaluate flexible improve select stiff strong thicker thinner weak	design even fabric like needle sketch stitch thread	axle axle holder better careful choose compare design dislike like mechanism movement product straight line tool turn user wheel worse	

Swifts

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Area of Learning	Cooking and Nutrition Adapting a recipe	Structures: Helmets	Electrical systems: Exploring electrical products	Digital world: Mindful moments timer	Textiles Fastenings	★ As overflow time to complete projects where other school events take place to provide more time for class to complete projects

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Unit Outcome s	Describe features of biscuits in terms of taste, texture and appearance. Explain why some biscuits are made for children, adults or special occasions. Remember and follow simple instructions when working in a safe and clean way. Follow a recipe with supervision. Use a budget to plan a menu. Adapt a recipe using additional ingredients to fit a design or budget. Measure and mix ingredients accurately. Contribute to a discussion about the criteria for evaluation.	Describe what a shell is and describe what makes an effective design. Design a helmet for a specific purpose by choosing appropriate features. Explain layering techniques to strengthen a helmet. Use layering techniques to make a helmet and reflect on the process. Evaluate the strength of the helmet and justify appropriate strengthening techniques. Follow a design plan and use appropriate techniques to strengthen the helmet. Communicate with peers about making improvements. Analyse helmets' strengths and weaknesses and evaluate how they meet their purpose.	Identify everyday products and name their electrical components. Make and test toggle switches in electrical circuits. Explain why switches are used in electrical products. Compare a toggle switch with a push switch. Research a design problem, asking questions and conducting experiments. Describe a target audience and identify the target audience for a product. Identify what a cross-section diagram is and why it is useful. Draw a cross-sectional diagram with labels that shows the inside of a product.	State and/or describe the advantages and disadvantages of products (timers). Understand how virtual micro:bit features could be used as part of a design idea. Use research to inform design criteria. Write a program that controls a timer on the virtual micro:bit base chosen seconds/minutes. Suggest where the error in testing is unsuccessful, by comparing their code to their own. State key functions in a code editor (e.g. loops). Evaluate the immediate function of the virtual micro:bit timer and how it can be used. Express which stages of the design they enjoyed or found more challenging. Explain the need for a logo and stand out against competition and the importance of logos in business. Recall and describe the use of key tools used in Sketchpad software. Fulfil the design requirements for the logo. Evaluate the product using feedback from the user.	Identify the features, benefits and disadvantages of a range of fasteners. Write design criteria for a sleeve that satisfies the criteria. Make a template for the sleeve. Assemble their case using the fasteners and stitch they are comfortable with.	

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Year 2 Key Skills	Understanding where fruits and vegetables come from. Selecting foods to create a balanced recipe. Selecting foods based on their food group. Key skills by unit Chopping fruit and vegetables safely to make a smoothie. Juicing fruits safely to make a smoothie. Describing appearance, smell and taste. Chopping foods safely to make a wrap. Grating foods. Snipping smaller foods instead of cutting.	Recognising that different structures are used for different purposes. Exploring the features of structures. Describing structures as buildings or freestanding structures. Key skills by unit Making stable structures from card. Creating supporting structures to aid stability. Using stable objects, such as cylinders, to create structures. Building a strong and stiff structure by folding paper. Folding to strengthen or stiffen. Comparing the stability of different shapes. Identifying the weakest part of a structure.	Identifying needs and problems Thinking about what others might want from a design. Beginning to recognise how products and designs in the world around us solve certain needs. Developing for a user Considering who they are designing for - identifying the user. Stating what they intend to make and why - identifying the purpose. Using a simple design brief that outlines the intended use, target user and key features of the product, to create simple design criteria. Generating ideas Talking about ideas, with purpose and user in mind. Talking about existing products when generating ideas. Creating ideas with design criteria in mind. Referring to specific parts of existing products when generating ideas.	Identifying needs and problems Thinking about what others might want from a design. Beginning to recognise how products and designs in the world around us solve certain needs. Developing for a user Considering who they are designing for - identifying the user. Stating what they intend to make and why - identifying the purpose. Using a simple design brief that outlines the intended use, target user and key features of the product, to create simple design criteria. Generating ideas Talking about ideas, with purpose and user in mind. Talking about existing products when generating ideas. Creating ideas with design criteria in mind. Referring to specific parts of existing products when generating ideas.	Discussing fabric properties. Threading large needles. Rehearsing sewing techniques with large needles and thick thread like wool. Sewing a running stitch in large-weave embroidery fabric or hessian. Beginning to sew stitches into a fabric. Key skills by unit Creating patterns and following them with stitching. Spacing stitches evenly. Pinning fabric to a template. Selecting fabric for sewing. Sewing a running stitch, with evenly spaced, neat, even stitches to join fabric. Marking and measuring: Measuring, marking and spacing materials accurately using simple tools and by identifying midpoints. Marking and measuring: Measuring, marking and spacing lines of a given length using simple tools. Cutting: Cutting straight and spaced lines, larger shapes and simple holes safely and with control. Cutting: Cutting a range of	

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Year 3 Key Skills	Design Designing a biscuit within a given budget. Conducting market research. Make Following a baking recipe. Understanding safety and hygiene rules. Adapting a recipe. Evaluate Evaluating an adapted recipe. Evaluating and comparing a range of products. Suggesting modifications.	Design Noticing simple problems or needs in their everyday life. Creating simple design criteria that outline basic functionality and appeal to individual users or target audiences. Taking part in structured idea-generation sessions. Coming up with more ideas and considering the feasibility of their ideas in the classroom. Beginning to use 2D CAD software to communicate their ideas. Developing drawing and sketching skills with a focus on clarity and simplicity. Developing designs by adding detail and justifications about materials, tools, methods. Beginning to recognise the benefit of a range of diagram types or prototypes to communicate ideas. (eg. sketches, cross-sectional diagram, thumbnail sketches and exploded diagrams) Creating prototypes using materials with similar properties to their final design. Make Selecting materials, components or ingredients from a wider choice but within a limited design space (e.g. seasonal ingredients from May and June in the UK). Selecting materials, components or ingredients based on their form as well as their functional properties. Explaining their choices with regard to function and form. Suggesting simple safety rules based on their understanding of tool dangers. Participating in discussions about classroom safety procedures. Following detailed safety instructions. Using a ruler as a measuring tool with increasing accuracy. Cutting out more complex shapes accurately. Handle different sizes and types of scissors with confidence. Creating accurate	Design Noticing simple problems or needs in their everyday life. Using empathy and conducting simple surveys to recognise the needs of others. Coming up with more ideas and considering the feasibility of their ideas in the classroom. Developing drawing and sketching skills with a focus on clarity and simplicity. Beginning to recognise the benefit of a range of diagram types or prototypes to communicate ideas. (eg. sketches, cross-sectional diagram, thumbnail sketches and exploded diagrams) Make Selecting materials, components or ingredients from a wider choice but within a limited design space (e.g. seasonal ingredients from May and June in the UK). Explaining their choices with regard to function and form. Following detailed safety instructions. Evaluate Investigating and analysing a range of existing products by looking at their functionality and appeal. Analysing why specific products, designers or inventors are successful. Explaining why they think certain aspects of a peer's design are effective or why they suggested specific improvements. Technical Recognising and exploring everyday electrical products. Identifying some electrical components. Using batteries and other electrical components safely. Creating a working electrical circuit. Incorporating switches into circuits.	Writing design criteria for a programmed timer (micro:bit). Exploring different mindfulness strategies. Applying the results of research to further inform my design criteria. Developing a prototype case for a mindful moment timer. Using and manipulating shapes and clipart by using computer-aided design (CAD), to produce a logo. Following a list of design requirements. Creating a 3D using modelling materials. Programming a micro:bit in the Microsoft micro:bit editor, to time a set number of seconds/minutes upon button press. Investigating and analysing a range of timers by identifying and comparing their advantages and disadvantages. Evaluating a program against points on a design criteria and amending them to include any changes made. Documenting and evaluating a project. Understanding what a logo is and why they are important in the world of design and business. Testing a program for bugs (errors in the code). Finding and fixing bugs (debug) in code. Using an exhibition to gather feedback. Gathering feedback from the user to make suggested improvements to a product.	Writing design criteria articulating decisions made. Designing a personalised sleeve. Making and testing a pattern template with accuracy and in keeping with design criteria. Measuring, marking and cutting fabric using a paper template. Selecting a stitch style for fabric. Sewing neatly using straight stitches. Incorporating a fastener into design. Testing and evaluating product against the original design criteria.	

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Year 2 Key Knowledge	To know that fruits grow on trees or vines above or below ground. To know that vegetables are parts of a plant (e.g. potatoes are roots, lettuce and cucumber is a fruit). To know that 'diet' means the food that a person or animal usually eats. To know that the five main food groups are Carbohydrates, fruits and vegetables, proteins and foods high in fat and sugar. To know that a balanced diet includes foods from different food groups. Key knowledge by unit To know that a fruit has seeds. To know that 'ingredients' means the items in a recipe. To know that different foods have different tastes and smells. To know that kitchen equipment can be used to prepare foods.	To know that a structure is something that has been made and put together. To understand that the shape of a structure affects its strength. Key knowledge by unit To know that stable structures do not fall over. To know that shapes and structures with flat bases or legs are the most stable. To know that adding weight to the top of a structure can make it more stable. To know that materials can be made to improve strength and stiffness. To know that a 'strong' structure is one that does not break easily. To know that a 'stiff' structure is one that does not bend easily.	Identifying needs and problems To know that different users may want different things from a design. To know that the 'user' is the person who will use the product. To know that designers usually design and make something to solve a problem. Developing for a user To know that who they are designing for makes a difference to what they design. To know that the purpose is what something is for. To know that a design brief helps to decide what to make. To know that design criteria are the steps for making a product successful. Evaluating existing products To know that some products will be better than others. To know that existing products can be evaluated against design criteria. Evaluating own ideas and products To know that their ideas or products can be made better. To know that their final product might be different to their original idea. To know that design criteria help to decide if their product is a success.	Generating ideas To know that existing products can help when deciding what to design. To know that the design criteria help when thinking of ideas. To know that different products work in different ways and have parts that make them work. Identifying needs and problems To know that different users may want different things from a design. To know that the 'user' is the person who will use the product. To know that designers usually design and make something to solve a problem.	To know that sewing is a method of joining fabric. Key knowledge by unit To know that evenly spaced stitches help when following a pattern. To know that 'joining' means connecting two pieces of material together. To know that there are various temporary methods of joining fabric by using staples, glue or pins. To know that a template (or fabric pattern) is used to cut out the same shape multiple times.	

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Year 3 Key Knowledge	The amount of an ingredient known as the 'quantity'. Safety and hygiene are important in cooking. The following cooking techniques: measuring, mixing/stirring, cutting out and shaping. The importance of budgeting and planning ingredients for a recipe. Products often have a target audience.	To know: A problem or need is something that a designer can help to solve. Thinking with others is called brainstorming. Not everything can be made in the classroom. CAD is computer-aided design. CAD can be used to better communicate ideas. Extra information on drawings or diagrams can help the user understand a design or idea. Thumbnail sketches are less detailed, quick sketches. An exploded diagram shows how the parts of a product fit together. A prototype is a detailed model that helps a user understand how a product will work. Make To know: Form is the look and shape of something. Function is what something does and how it works. Different pieces of equipment will be used at different stages in a plan. Different tools and equipment have different dangers. A ruler can be used to measure length. Scissors are useful for cutting out complex shapes. Creating accurate shapes improves how they look and sometimes their function. Evaluate To know: Some products are more successful than others because of their function. Designers and inventors create products. Choices of materials and equipment can affect the final product.	Design To know: A problem or need is something that a designer can help to solve. A target audience is a group of people that might like the idea. Not everything can be made in the classroom. Extra information on drawings or diagrams can help the user understand a design or idea. A cross-sectional diagram shows the inside of a product. Make To know: Form is the look and shape of something. Function is what something does and how it works. Evaluate To know: Some products are more successful than others because of their function. Designers and inventors create products. Choices of materials and equipment can affect the final product. Technical To know: An electrical system is a group of parts (components) that work together to transport electricity around a circuit. Some common features of an electric product (e.g. switch, battery, plug, dials, buttons, etc). A battery contains stored electricity that can be used to power products. An electrical circuit must be complete for electricity to flow. A switch can be used to complete and break an electrical circuit.	To understand what variables are in programming. To know some of the features of a micro:bit. To know that an algorithm is a set of instructions to be followed by the computer. To know that it is important to check code for errors (bugs). To know that a simulator can be used as a way of checking code works before installing it onto an electronic device. To understand the terms 'ergonomic' and 'aesthetic'. To know that a prototype is a 3D model made out of cheap materials, that allows us to test design ideas and make better decisions about size, shape and materials. To know that an exhibition is a way for companies to showcase products, meet potential new customers and gather feedback from users.	To know that a fastener is something that holds two pieces of material together. To know that different types of fasteners are useful for different purposes. To know that creating a prototype of their design is useful for checking ideas and proportions.	

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Key Vocabula ry	adapt addition appearance budget butterfly combine comment compare construct cream crunchy cuboid cut design evaluate fold hygiene ingredients layout market research modify multiplication opinion pounds sieve sift target audience taste texture unique wooden spoon	analyse effective iteration reflect strengthen	battery bulb buzzer circuit cross-sectional diagram electricity research switch target audience wire	advantage aesthetic annotate assemble block brand brand identity bug clipart coding computer-aided design criteria debug design develop disadvantage display ergonomic evaluate exhibition feedback form function join logo loop mindfulness model net program prototype research script sketchpad test timer user variable	criteria fabric fastening fix mock-up stitch template	

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Unit Outcome s	Pupils who are secure will be able to: Explore and compare real textile products, thinking about how they look, how they are used and how they affect the environment. Develop and test design ideas by creating pattern pieces and making prototypes to explore how well they work. Use labelled drawings and diagrams to show clear design ideas, including how pattern pieces will fit together. Use fabrics and materials suitable for the product, thinking about how they look and how well they work. Make 3D textile shapes by carefully cutting, folding and joining materials to match the design.	Pupils who are secure will be able to: Explain simply what is meant by 'form' (the shape of a product) and 'function' (how a product works). State what they like or dislike about an existing children's toy and why. Learn about skills developed through play and apply this knowledge in a survey of one or more children's toys. Identify the components of a steady hand game. Design a steady hand game of their own according to their design criteria, using four different perspective drawings. Create a secure base for their game, with neat edges, that relates to their design. Make and test a functioning circuit and assemble it within a case.	Pupils who are secure will be able to: Explain the term constraints and why some are more important than others. Use sketches with labels to communicate ideas. Use 3D CAD software to communicate ideas. Modify a design to make it stronger and more stable using knowledge of triangulation and reinforcing. Select appropriate materials and tools for cutting and joining. Make a plan and equipment list for a project. Reinforce and stabilise a prototype of a structure. Apply a quality finish in a neat way and explain why the finish is important. Critically evaluate the success of a structure within constraints and suggest alternative, more sustainable, materials. Explain design decisions.	Pupils who are secure will be able to: Find a suitable recipe for their course. Record the relevant ingredients and equipment needed. Follow a recipe, including using the correct quantities of each ingredient. Write a recipe, explaining the process taken. Explain where certain key foods come from before they appear on the supermarket shelf.	Mark, saw and cut out components and supports of their varying degrees of accuracy to the measurements. Follow health and safety taking care with the equipment. Attempt a partial assembly of toys using an exploded diagram from teacher's demonstration. Develop a design idea and make descriptive notes. Explore different camera angles and choose three for their follower top explanation of their choices. Create neat, decorated toppers with some accuracy. Measure and cut panels, noting some inaccuracies to conceal the workings of the automata. Decorate and finish the toppers to meet the design criteria and brief. Evaluate their finished toppers making descriptive and reflective notes of function and form.	

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Year 4 Key Skills	Design Developing drawing and sketching skills with a focus on clarity and simplicity. Developing designs by adding detail and justifications about materials, tools, method Make Cutting: Cutting more complex shapes and a wider range of materials and foods accurately and safely (e.g. using a bridge or claw hold when chopping foods). Joining: Joining materials securely by selecting and applying appropriate joining methods for the material and purpose. Evaluate Evaluating existing products Investigating and analysing a range of existing products by looking at their functionality and appeal. Analysing why specific products, designers or inventors are successful. Evaluating own ideas and products Technical Skills Sewing with smaller needles to create smaller stitches. Selecting similar or different colour thread to hide or show the stitch. Key skills by unit Creating a template	Recognising and exploring everyday electrical products. Key skills by unit Identifying some electrical components. Using batteries and other electrical components safely. Creating a working electrical circuit	Design Beginning to use 2D CAD software to communicate their ideas. Developing drawing and sketching skills with a focus on clarity and simplicity. Developing designs by adding detail and justifications about materials, tools, method Make Shaping: Creating and refining a range of 3D shapes to suit the function of a product. Evaluate Evaluating how effective their chosen materials and tools were in fulfilling the design brief. Giving and receiving feedback Explaining why they think certain aspects of their design are effective or why they suggest improvements. Technical Skills Beginning to understand how different materials and structures are built. Key skills by unit Constructing a range of 3D shapes and structures. Stiffening structures. Strengthening structures by ribbing and bracing. Making a variety of free standing structures of different shapes and sizes.	Identifying needs and problems Selecting equipment required for a series of tasks based on the plan. Explain why each piece of equipment is needed for each stage. Cutting: Cutting more complex shapes and a wider range of materials and foods accurately and safely (e.g. using a bridge or claw hold when chopping foods). Giving and receiving feedback Explaining why they think certain aspects of their design are effective or why they suggest improvements. Reflecting on feedback to decide if and how to be used to improve future iterations. Identifying foods with different nutritional properties. Recognising the seasonality of food ingredients. Understanding that many foods are sourced from other countries. Key skills by unit Following the instructions within a recipe. Tasting seasonal ingredients. Selecting seasonal ingredients. Peeling ingredients safely. Cutting safely with a vegetable knife. Following a baking recipe, including the preparation of ingredients. Cooking safely, following basic hygiene rules.	Creating simple design criteria that define the basic functionality and appeal to a target audience. Generating ideas Taking part in structured idea-generation sessions. Coming up with more ideas and evaluating the feasibility of their ideas in the context of the design brief. Beginning to understand how mechanical linkages work. Using a series of pivots to create a linkage. Combining levers to create a linkage. Ordering the main stages of making into a sequence. Selecting materials Selecting materials, components or ingredients for a wider choice but within a limited design brief. Seasonal ingredients from May and June. Selecting materials, components or ingredients for a wider choice but within a limited design brief. Explaining their choices with regard to form and function. Selecting equipment Selecting equipment required for a series of tasks based on the plan. Explain why each piece of equipment is needed for each stage. Tool safety Suggesting simple safety rules based on an understanding of tool dangers. Participating in discussions about class rules and procedures. Following detailed safety instructions. Tool use Marking and measuring: Using a ruler and compass to measure and mark straight lines.	

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Year 5 Key Skills	Design Creating more complex design criteria that require considering detailed user needs, environmental impact, materials and cost. Developing more independence in generating ideas. Coming up with a broader range of ideas and deeper innovation, requiring pupils to think critically about their ideas' practicality and originality. Beginning to use more complex annotated sketches, such as cross-sectional and exploded diagrams and pattern pieces in design. Beginning to select methods to communicate their ideas, justifying their choices. (eg. prototypes, cross-sectional, exploded diagrams, CAD etc). Make Assessing risks associated with different tools and equipment. Understanding and explaining the importance of each safety rule. Consistently apply safety instructions. Using a ruler to accurately measure and draw lines and marks. Select appropriate scissors to handle delicate cutting tasks and challenging materials. Cutting patterns and drawings accurately. Choosing PVA glue over hot glue for safety when joining materials in less intensive projects. Balancing aesthetics and functionality when creating parts of a design. Using nets to create 3D objects. Considering when best to apply finishing effects. Evaluate Reflecting on the usability, aesthetics, innovation and sustainability of products and discussing how design	Designing a steady hand game, identifying and naming the components required. Drawing a design from three different perspectives. Generating ideas through sketching and discussion. Modelling ideas through prototypes. Understanding the purpose of products (toys), including what is meant by 'fit for purpose' and 'form over function'. Constructing a stable base for a game. Accurately cutting, folding and assembling a net. Decorating the base of the game to a high-quality finish. Making and testing a circuit. Incorporating a circuit into a base. 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Unit Outcome s	Pupils who are secure will be able to: Explore and compare real textile products, thinking about how they look, how they are used and how they affect the environment. Develop and test design ideas by creating pattern pieces and making prototypes to explore how well they work. Use labelled drawings and diagrams to show clear design ideas, including how pattern pieces will fit together. Use fabrics and materials suitable for the product, thinking about how they look and how well they work. Make 3D textile shapes by carefully cutting, folding and joining materials to match the design.	Pupils who are secure will be able to: Explain simply what is meant by 'form' (the shape of a product) and 'function' (how a product works). State what they like or dislike about an existing children's toy and why. Learn about skills developed through play and apply this knowledge in a survey of one or more children's toys. Identify the components of a steady hand game. Design a steady hand game of their own according to their design criteria, using four different perspective drawings. Create a secure base for their game, with neat edges, that relates to their design. Make and test a functioning circuit and assemble it within a case.	Pupils who are secure will be able to: Explain the term constraints and why some are more important than others. Use sketches with labels to communicate ideas. Use 3D CAD software to communicate ideas. Modify a design to make it stronger and more stable using knowledge of triangulation and reinforcing. Select appropriate materials and tools for cutting and joining. Make a plan and equipment list for a project. Reinforce and stabilise a prototype of a structure. Apply a quality finish in a neat way and explain why the finish is important. Critically evaluate the success of a structure within constraints and suggest alternative, more sustainable, materials. Explain design decisions.	Pupils who are secure will be able to: Find a suitable recipe for their course. Record the relevant ingredients and equipment needed. Follow a recipe, including using the correct quantities of each ingredient. Write a recipe, explaining the process taken. Explain where certain key foods come from before they appear on the supermarket shelf.	Mark, saw and cut out components and supports of their varying degrees of accuracy to the measurements. Follow health and safety taking care with the equipment. Attempt a partial assembly toys using an exploded diagram from teacher's demonstration. Develop a design idea descriptive notes. Explore different camera choose three for their follower top explanation of their choices. Create neat, decorated toppers with some accuracy. Measure and cut panels some inaccuracies to conceal the workings of the automata. Decorate and finish them meet the design criteria and brief. Evaluate their finished making descriptive and reflective function and form.	

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