Furneux Pelham School – Skills Progression for *Design Technology*



	EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Develon nlan a	nd communicate ideas						
Develop, plan a	ila communicate lacas	1	_				
	Use gestures,	Begin to draw	Start to generate	Start to order	Start to generate	Draw up a	Draw up a
	talking and	on their own	ideas by drawing	the main stages	ideas,	specification for	specification for
	arrangements of	experience to	on their own	of making a	considering the	their design-	their design- link
	materials and	help generate	and other	product.	purposes for	link with	with
	components to	ideas and	people's		which they are	Mathematics	Mathematics
	show design.	research	experiences.		designing- link	and Science.	and Science.
		conducted on			with		
		criteria.			Mathematics		
					and Science.		
	Use contexts set	Begin to	Identify a	Understand how	Identify the	Use results of	Identify the
	by the teacher	understand the	purpose for	well products	strengths and	investigations,	strengths and
	and myself.	development of	what they	have been	areas for	information	areas for
		existing	intend to design	designed, made,	development in	sources,	development in
		products: What	and make.	what materials	their ideas and	including ICT	their ideas and
		they are for,		have been used	products.	when	products.
		how they work,		and the		developing	Suggest
		materials used.		construction		design ideas.	alternative
				technique.			methods of
				Identify a			making if the
				purpose and			first attempts
				establish criteria			fail.
				for a successful			
				product.			

Select	Understand how	Understand how	With growing	When planning	Begin to use	Use research
appropriate	to identify a	to identify a	confidence	considers the	research and	and develop
resources.	target group for what they	target group for what they	generate ideas for an item,	views of others, including	develop design criteria to	design criteria to inform the
	intend to design	intend to design	considering its	intended users,	inform the	design of
	and make based	and make based	purpose and the	to improve their	design of	innovative,
	on a design	on a design	user/s.	work.	innovative,	functional,
	criteria.	criteria.			functional,	appealing
					appealing	products that
					products that	are fit for
					are fit for	purpose.
					purpose.	Know how much
						products cost to
						make, how sustainable and
						innovative they
						are and the
						impact products
						have beyond
						their intended
						purpose.
Use language of	Begin to develop	Develop their	Know to make	Confidently	Start to	Generate,
designing and	and explain their	ideas and	drawings with	make labelled	generate,	develop, model
making (join,	ideas and	designs through	labels when	drawings from	develop, model	and
build, shape,	designs through	observing,	designing.	different views	and	communicate
longer, shorter,	talk and	talking, drawing	When planning	showing specific	communicate	their ideas
heavier etc.).	drawings,	and labelling	explain their	features.	their ideas	through
	including	parts. Make	choice of	Develop a clear	through	discussion,
	templates and	templates and	materials and	idea of what has	discussion,	annotated
	mock-ups in	mock-ups of	components	to be done,	annotated	sketches, cross-
	card and paper	their ideas in	including	planning how to	sketches, cross-	sectional and
	or using IT.	card and paper	function and	use materials,	sectional and	exploded
		or using ICT.	aesthetics.	equipment and	exploded	diagrams,

		processes, and	diagrams,	prototypes,
		suggesting	prototypes,	pattern pieces.
		alternative	pattern pieces.	
		methods of		
		making, if the		
		first attempts		
		fail.		
	Learn about	Learn about		
	inventors,	inventors,		
	designers,	designers,		
	engineers, chefs	engineers, chefs		
	and	and		
	manufacturers	manufacturers		
	who have	who have		
	developed	developed		
	ground-breaking	ground -		
	products.	breaking		
		products.		
			With growing	Accurately apply
			confidence	a range of
			apply a range of	finishing
			finishing	techniques,
			techniques,	including those
			including those	from art and
			from art and	design.
			design.	
	Start to		With growing	Plan the order of
	understand		confidence	their work,
	whether		select	choosing
	products can be		appropriate	appropriate
	recycled or		materials, tools	materials, tools
	reused.		and techniques.	and techniques.
Work with tools, equipment, materials and components to make quality prod	ducts			

Use simple tools	Begin to make	Begin to select	Select a range of	Select a wider	Select	Confidently
and techniques.	their design	tools and	tools and	range of tools	appropriate	select
-	using	materials; use	techniques for	and techniques	materials, tools	appropriate
	appropriate	correct	making their	for making their	and techniques.	tools, materials,
	techniques.	vocabulary to	product.	product safely.	Select from and	components and
		name and			use a wider	techniques and
	Explore using	describe them.	Explain their		range of	use them.
	tools e.g.		choice of tools		materials and	
	scissors and a		and equipment		components,	Use tools safely
	hole punch		in relation to the		including	and accurately.
	safely.		skills and		construction	
			techniques they		materials,	
			will be using.		textiles and	
					ingredients,	
					according to	
					their functional	
					properties and	
					aesthetic	
					qualities.	
Build / construct	Begin to build	Build structures,		Understand how		Know how to
with a wide	structures,	exploring how		to reinforce and		reinforce and
range of objects.	exploring how	they can be		strengthen a 3D		strengthen a 3D
	they can be	made stronger,		framework.		framework.
	made stronger,	stiffer and more				
	stiffer and more	stable.				
	stable.					
Construct with a	With help	With help mark	Measure, mark	Know how to	Begin to	Measure and
purpose, using a	measure, mark	out, measure,	out, cut, score	measure, mark	measure and	mark out
variety of	out, cut and	cut and score	and assemble	out, cut and	mark out more	accurately and
resources.	shape a range of	with some	components	shape a range of	accurately.	independently.
	materials.	accuracy.	with more	materials, using		
			accuracy.	appropriate		
				tools,		

				equipment and techniques.		
	Explore the use	Use mechanisms	Start to	Know how	Understand	Explain to others
	of mechanisms	[for example,	understand that	mechanical .	how mechanical	how mechanical
	[for example,	levers, sliders,	mechanical	systems such as	systems such as	systems such as
	levers, sliders,	wheels and	systems such as	cams or pulleys	cams or pulleys	cams or pulleys
	wheels and	axles], in their	levers and	or gears create	or gears create	or gears create
	axles], in their	products.	linkages or	movement.	movement.	movement.
	products.		pneumatic			
			systems create			
			movement.			
			Start to	Understand how	Know how	Know and e
			understand that	more complex	more complex	explain to others
			mechanical and	electrical circuits	electrical	how more
			electrical	and components	circuits and	complex
			systems have an	can be used to	components	electrical circuits
			input, process	create functional	can be used to	and components
			and output.	products.	create	can be used to
					functional	create functional
					products and	products and
					how to program	how to program
					a computer to	a computer to
					monitor	monitor changes
					changes in the	in the
					environment	environment
					and control	and control their
					their products.	products.
Select tools &	Begin to	Join materials or	Join materials or	Start to join and	Cut and join	Construct
techniques to	assemble, join	components	components	combine	with accuracy	products using
shape, assemble	and combine	together in	together in	materials and	to ensure a	permanent
and join.	materials and	different ways.	different ways,	components	good-quality	joining
	components		varying	accurately in	finish to the	techniques.
	together using a			temporary and	product.	

		variety of temporary methods e.g. glues or masking tape.		according to the product.	permanent ways.		Assemble components to make working models.
		Begin to use simple finishing techniques to improve the appearance of their product.	Start to choose and use appropriate finishing techniques based on own ideas.	Begin to apply a range of finishing techniques with some accuracy.	Begin to use finishing techniques to strengthen and improve the appearance of their product using a range of equipment including ICT.	Use finishing techniques to strengthen and improve the appearance of their product using a range of equipment including ICT.	Use finishing techniques to strengthen, develop and improve the appearance of their product using a range of equipment including ICT.
Evaluate processes	and products.			Start to measure, tape or pin, cut and join fabric with some accuracy.	Demonstrate how to measure, tape or pin, cut and join fabric with some accuracy. Sew using a range of different stitches.	Begin to pin and use a range of different stitches to join materials together to create a product, with increasing accuracy.	With confidence pin and use a range of different stitches to join materials together to create a product independently.
·	Talk about how things work.	Start to evaluate their product by discussing how well it works in relation to the purpose (design criteria).	Evaluate their work against their design criteria.	Start to evaluate their product against original design criteria e.g. how well it meets its	Evaluate their products carrying out appropriate tests. Start to evaluate their work both	Start to evaluate a product against the original design specification including by	Evaluate against their original criteria and suggest ways that their product could be improved.

			intended purpose	during and at the end of the assignment.	carrying out tests.	Evaluate their products, identifying strengths and areas for development, and carrying out appropriate tests.
Look at similaritie difference between objects / materials Dismantl examine, about ex objects/s es.	es products explain what they like and dislike about products e, talk isting	Look at a range of existing products explain what they like and dislike about products and why.	Begin to disassemble and evaluate familiar products and consider the views of others to improve them.	Be able to disassemble and evaluate familiar products and consider the views of others to improve them.	Begin to evaluate personally and seek evaluation from others.	Record their evaluations using drawings with labels.
Adapt wo	•	With help, evaluate their products as they are developed, identifying strengths and possible changes they might make.	Start to evaluate their work both during and at the end of the assignment. Evaluate the key designs of individuals in design and know how technology has helped shape the world.	Evaluate their work both during and at the end of the assignment.	Confidently, evaluate their work both during and at the end of the assignment.	Independently, evaluate their work both during and at the end of the assignment.

begin to	begin to
measure and	measure and
join materials,	join materials,
with some	with some
support	support
*describe	*describe
differences in	differences in
materials	materials
*suggest ways	*suggest ways to
to make	make
material/produc	material/produc
t stronger	t stronger
*measure	*measure
materials	materials
*describe some	*describe some
different	different
characteristics of	characteristics of
materials *join	materials *join
materials in	materials in
different ways	different ways
*use joining,	*use joining,
rolling or folding	rolling or folding
to make it	to make it
stronger *use	stronger *use
own ideas to try	own ideas to try
to make product	to make product
stronger	stronger