



Design and Technology

Threshold Concept	Milestone One	Milestone Two	Milestone Three
	By the end of Year Two, the	By the end of Year Four, the children	By the end of Year Six, the children
	children should be able to:	should be able to:	should be able to:
Master practical skills	Cut, peel or grate ingredients	Prepare ingredients hygienically using	Understand the importance of correct
This concept involves	safely and hygienically.	appropriate utensils.	storage and handling of ingredients
developing the skills			(using knowledge of micro-organisms).
needed to make high	 Measure or weigh using 	 Measure ingredients to the nearest gram 	
quality products (we have	measuring cups or electronic	accurately.	Measure accurately and calculate ratios
highlighted a range of skills	scales.		of ingredients to scale up or down from a
but they may be added to		 Follow a recipe. 	recipe.
or changed	 Assemble or cook ingredients. 		
		 Assemble or cook ingredients (controlling 	 Demonstrate a range of baking and
Food		the temperature of the oven or hob, if	cooking techniques.
		cooking).	
			 Create and refine recipes, including
			ingredients, methods, cooking times and
			temperatures.
Materials	 Cut materials safely using tools 	 Cut materials accurately and safely by 	Cut materials with precision and refine
	provided.	selecting appropriate tools.	the finish with appropriate tools (such as
			sanding wood after cutting or a more
	 Measure and mark out to the 	 Measure and mark out to the nearest 	precise scissor cut after roughly cutting
	nearest centimetre.	millimetre.	out a shape).
	 Demonstrate a range of cutting 	 Apply appropriate cutting and shaping 	Show an understanding of the qualities
	and shaping techniques (such as	techniques that include cuts within the	of materials to choose appropriate tools
	tearing, cutting, folding and	perimeter of the material (such as slots or	to cut and shape (such as the nature of
	curling).	cut outs).	fabric may require sharper scissors than

			would be used to cut paper).
	 Demonstrate a range of joining techniques (such as gluing, hinges or combining materials to strengthen). 	Select appropriate joining techniques.	
Textiles	 Shape textiles using templates. Join textiles using running stitch. Colour and decorate textiles using a number of techniques (such as dyeing, adding sequins or printing). 	 Understand the need for a seam allowance. Join textiles with appropriate stitching. Select the most appropriate techniques to decorate textiles. 	 Create objects (such as a cushion) that employ a seam allowance. Join textiles with a combination of stitching techniques (such as back stitch for seams and running stitch to attach decoration). Use the qualities of materials to create suitable visual and tactile effects in the
			decoration of textiles (such as a soft decoration for comfort on a cushion).
Electricals and Electronics	 Diagnose faults in battery operated devices (such as low battery, water damage or battery terminal damage) 	Create series and parallel circuits	 Create circuits using electronics kits that employ a number of components (such as LEDs, resistors, transistors and chips).
Computing	Model designs using software.	 Control and monitor models using software designed for this purpose. 	 Write code to control and monitor models or products.
Construction	Use materials to practise drilling, screwing, gluing and nailing materials to make and strengthen products.	 Choose suitable techniques to construct products or to repair items. Strengthen materials using suitable techniques. 	Develop a range of practical skills to create products (such as cutting, drilling and screwing, nailing, gluing, filing and sanding).
Mechanics	 Create products using levers, wheels and winding mechanisms. 	 Use scientific knowledge of the transference of forces to choose appropriate mechanisms for a product 	 Convert rotary motion to linear using cams. Use innovative combinations of

		(such as levers, winding mechanisms,	electronics (or computing) and
		pulleys and gears).	mechanics in product designs.
Design, make, evaluate	Design products that have a	Design with purpose by identifying	 Design with the user in mind,
and improve	clear purpose and an intended	opportunities to design.	motivated by the service a product will
This concept involves	user.	a Nacionardinate humanica afficianti.	offer (rather than simply for profit).
developing the process of	a NAcka maduata vafining tha	Make products by working efficiently (2) A partial production rectains a production of the produ	a Nation was divisted the sounds at a sound
design thinking and seeing design as a process	 Make products, refining the design as work progresses. 	(such as by carefully selecting materials).	 Make products through stages of prototypes, making continual
		 Refine work and techniques as work 	refinements.
	 Use software to design. 	progresses, continually evaluating the	
		product design.	 Ensure products have a high quality
			finish, using art skills where appropriate.
		 Use software to design and represent 	
		product designs.	 Use prototypes, cross-sectional
			diagrams and computer aided designs to
			represent designs.
Take inspiration from		 Identify some of the great designers in all 	 Combine elements of design from a
design throughout history	 Explore objects and designs to 	of the areas of study (including pioneers in	range of inspirational designers
This concept involves	identify likes and dislikes of the	horticultural techniques) to generate ideas	throughout history, giving reasons for
appreciating the design	designs.	for designs.	choices.
process that has influenced			
the products we use in	 Suggest improvements to 	 Improve upon existing designs, giving 	Create innovative designs that improve
everyday life.	existing designs.	reasons for choices.	upon existing products.
	Explore how products have been	Disassemble products to understand how	Evaluate the design of products so as to
	created.	they work.	suggest improvements to the user
			experience.