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Skills Progression						
EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Beginning to construct,	Create simple designs	Choose appropriate	Use knowledge of	Creates designs using	Use his/ her research	Use research he/ she
stacking blocks vertically	for a product.	tools, equipment and	existing products to	exploded diagrams.	into existing products	has done into famous
and horizontally, making	Use pictures and	techniques and	design his/her own	Can produce a detailed	and his/her market	designers and inventors
enclosures and creating	words to describe what	materials from a wide	functional product.	plan and explain it.	research to inform the	to inform the design of
spaces.	he/she wants	range.	Strengthen frames	Use knowledge of	design of his/her own	his/ her own innovative
Explores what happens	Can make a simple plan	Can think of an idea and	using diagonal struts.	existing products to	innovative product.	products
when they mix colours.	before making.	plan what to do next,	Make suitable choices	design a functional and	Can come up with a range	Generate, develop,
Experiments to create	Build structures,	communicating my ideas	from a wider range of	appealing product for a	of ideas after collecting	model and communicate
different textures.	explore how they can be	through talking, drawing	tools and unfamiliar	particular purpose and	information from different	his/ her ideas through
Understands that different	made stronger, stiffer and	and labelling.	materials and plan out the	audience.	sources.	discussion, annotated
media can be combined to	more stable	Design purposeful,	main stages of using them.	Consider how existing	Creates prototypes to	sketches, cross-sectional
create new effects.	Select from a range of	functioning, appealing	Can produce a plan and	products and his/her	show his/ her design.	and exploded diagrams.
Manipulates materials to	tools and equipment to	products for himself/	explain it.	finish products might be	Makes careful and	Generate, develop,
achieve a planned effect.	perform practical tasks	herself and other users	Create designs using	improved and how well	precise measurements	model and communicate
Constructs with a purpose	(cutting, shaping, joining	based on a design criteria	annotated sketches	they meet the needs of	so that joins, holes and	his/ her ideas through
in mind, using a variety of	and finishing)	Safely measure, mark	cross-sectional diagrams	the intended user.	openings are in exactly the	discussion, annotated
resources.	Use a range of simple tools	out, cut and shape	and simple computer	Can measure and	right place.	sketches, cross-sectional
Uses simple tools and	to cut and join and	materials and	programmes	cut accurately using the	Produce step-by-step	and exploded diagrams,
techniques competently	combine materials and	components using a	Investigate and	correct equipment.	plans to guide his/ her	prototypes, pattern
and appropriately.	components safely	range of tools.	analyse existing	Can join materials	making demonstrating	pieces and computer aided
Selects appropriate	Can describe how	Chooses appropriate	products and those he/	together using the best	that he/ she can apply	design.
resources and adapts work	something works.	resources and tools.	she has made,	method for the material.	his/ her knowledge of	Apply his/ her
where necessary.	Use wheels and axels	Evaluate and assess	considering a wide range	Apply techniques	different materials, tools	knowledge of materials
Selects tools and	in a product	existing products and	of factors	he/she has learnt to	and techniques.	and techniques to refine
techniques needed to	Ask simple questions	those that he/she has	Safely measure, mark out,	strengthen structures	Can use a range of tools	and rework his/ her
shape, assemble	about existing products	made using a design	cut, assemble and join	and explore his/her own	and equipment	product to improve its
and join materials they are	and those that he/ she has	criteria	with some accuracy	ideas.	competently.	functional properties and
using.	made	Investigate different	Joins materials and	Evaluate and suggest	Make detailed	aesthetic qualities.
		techniques for stiffening a	components in different	improvements for my	evaluations about	Use technical
		variety of materials and	ways.	designs.	existing products and his/	knowledge, accurate
		explore different methods	Can prove that his/her	Uses techniques that	her own considering	skills to problem solve
		of enabling structures to	design meets some set	require more accuracy to	the views of other to	during the making process
		remain stable.	criteria.	cut, shape and finish	improve his/ her work.	Use his/ her
		Generate, develop,	Generate, develop, model	his/her work e.g cutting		knowledge of famous
		model and communicate	and communicate	internal shapes, slots in		designers to further

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his/her ideas through	his/her ideas through	frameworks.	Evaluate appearance and	explain the effectiveness
talking drawing,	talking drawing,	Use his/her knowledge	function against original	of existing products, he/
templates, mock-ups and	templates, mock-ups and	of techniques and the	criteria.	she has made.
where appropriate	where appropriate	functional and aesthetic	Build more complex	Can test and evaluate my
information and	information and	qualities of a wide range	3D structures and apply	products against clear
communication	communication	of materials to plan how to	his/ her knowledge of	success criteria
technology.	technology.	use them.	strengthening	Use a wide range of
		Understand and use	techniques to make	methods to stiffen,
		electrical systems in	them stronger or more	strengthen and reinforce
		products.	stable.	complex structures and
			Understand how to	can use them accurately
			make more complex	and appropriately
			mechanical and	Apply his/her knowledge
			electrical systems.	of computing to program,
				monitor and control his/
				her product

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Vocabulary Progression						
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Cut	Design	Purpose	Strengthen	Audience	Prototypes	Designers
Thread	Create	Function	Frames	Framework	Innovative	Inventors
Shape	Build	Investigate	Annotate	Aesthetics	Precision	Exploded diagrams
Join	Structure	Model	Sketches	Quality	Demonstrate	Cross-sectional
Build	Shape	Template	Analyse	Improve	Informative	Refine
Tools	Join	Techniques	Assemble	Apply	Market Research	Effectiveness
Materials	Cut	Methods	Accuracy	Electrical systems		Stiffen
Design	Wheels	Measure	Techniques	User		Program
	Axels	Evaluate	Research			
	Product	Assess				
	Plan					

Suggested Project Ideas KS1	Suggested Project Ideas KS2
 Hand puppets Sweet machine Moving vehicle Wooden spoon puppets Pop up books 	 Build a stone Age House (diagonal struts) Roman Catapult Viking boat Motorised Moon Buggy Make a light house (structure & electrical) Tudor house Olympic Torch (complex mechanical/Electrical components Build a bridge Make a fabric satchel 3D models of a landscape - Virtual Computerised Programme Design and make a prototype gaming chair