

Our Design and Technology Curriculum

Intent

At West Earlham Infant and Nursery School we see Design and Technology as a creative and practical subject.

Design and Technology at West Earlham Infant Nursery School will:

- Enable children to embrace their creativity while developing essential skills.
- Enable children to design and make products that solve real problems in a variety of contexts.
- Develop children's ability to work cooperatively.
- Develop children's skills, attitudes and attributes that can support learning in other areas.

Implementation

- The teaching and implementation of the design and technology curriculum at West Earlham Infant and Nursery School follows the National Curriculum in KS1 and the Early Years Foundation Stage Statutory Framework in the EYFS.
- In KS1 teachers plan and teach design and technology linked to topics, "big questions" and literacy using a variety of approaches that are matched to the abilities of the children. Children are given "problems" to develop their problem solving skills.
- In the EYFS teachers set up an enabling environment where children explore their creativity both inside and outside with access to multiple media and materials. Our 'in the moment' planning approach in the EYFS enables teachers to demonstrate and teach skills and techniques associated with the things that children are doing and are interested in doing.
- In both key stages opportunities for cooking are planned and delivered throughout the year linked to learning themes.

Our children will experience:	Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2
Story Cafes with craft activities.	Learning themes:	Learning themes:	Problems to solve:	Problems to solve:
Cross curricular opportunities:	Inspired by the children's	Settling in & Signs of	How can we stop the Hat Seller from	How can we create the perfect
Links to history and geography when	interests, our natural	Autumn	losing his hats?	family member for Sunny the
learning about specific physical	environment, the stories	Celebrations	How can we stop the houses from	Meerkat?
environments and historical events	we are reading and	My Healthy Body	burning?	How can we explore the world from
like the Great Fire of London.	relevant	Chinese New Year	How can we trap a star?	our classroom?
Literacy - using both fiction and non	festivals/celebrations.	People Who Help Us	How do I know where to go in	How can we help Plop see in the
fiction texts to support learning.		Signs of Spring	Norwich?	dark?
	Continuous provision is		How can Handa scare the animals?	How can we clean our oceans?



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Computing - using ICT in the design	developed to support	Life Cycles, Looking After	How can we cross the North Pole?	How can we fly?
process.	children's learning in	the Environment, Life in		How can we add mechanisms to our
Art - encouraging creativity and	expressive arts and design	Other Countries		transition booklets?
using tools and techniques	throughout the school day	Planting & Growing		
competently.	across multiple indoor	Traditional Tales		
Science - discuss, evaluate and	and outdoor areas. See			
experiment with designs.	EYFS continuous provision	Continuous provision is		
Understand about healthy eating.	plans. Regular	developed to support		
	opportunities for cooking	children's learning in		
	and tasting new foods are	expressive arts and design		
	planned throughout the	throughout the school day		
	year.	across multiple indoor		
		and outdoor areas. See		
		EYFS continuous provision		
		plans. Regular		
		opportunities for cooking		
		and tasting new foods are		
		planned throughout the		
		year.		



	Design and Technology				
	Nursery	Reception	Year One	Year Two	
	Design				
Progr essio n	Explore different materials to develop ideas about how to use them and what to make.	 Return to and build on previous learning, refining ideas. Expressive Arts and Design Early Learning Goals. 	 With support generate ideas for products based on their own experiences, including looking at existing products. With support begin to develop simple design criteria and to use it to help them develop their product. Begin to develop ideas by talking and drawing. Say who and what their product is for. With support model ideas by exploring materials and components, and by beginning to make simple mockups and templates. Begin to use ICT within the design process, where appropriate, with adult support. 	 Generate ideas for products based on their own and others experiences, including looking at existing products. Develop their own design criteria and use it regularly throughout the design process. Develop and communicate ideas by talking and drawing. Say who and what their product is for and how it will work. Model ideas by exploring materials and components, and by making simple mockups and templates. Use ICT within the design process where appropriate. 	
	Make				
Progr essio n	 Realise tools can be used for a purpose. Join different materials and explore different textures. 	Use a variety of simple tools and techniques competently and appropriately.	 Begin to understand the purpose of certain tools and equipment. Select from a limited range of tools and equipment and, with 	 Understand what some tools and equipment can be used for. Select from a range of tools and equipment and explain their choice. 	



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		Expressive Arts and Design Early Learning Goals.	 support, begin to explain their choice. Begin to recognise the characteristics of some materials, textiles and ingredients. With support select specific materials, textiles or ingredients for a purpose. 	 Recognise the characteristics of some materials, textiles and ingredients. Select specific materials, textiles or ingredients for a purpose. 	
		Evalua	ate		
Progr essio n	Share their creations and be able to say something about how they have made it.	Share their creations and explain how they have made them. Expressive Arts and Design Early Learning Goals.	 Begin to explore what products are and say who/what they are for. Begin to look at how they work and what they could be used for. From a given choice say what they think a product is made from. Begin to say what they like or dislike about a product. Begin to judge their products and ideas against simple design criteria. With support, talk about how they might improve their product or design. 	 Explore a wide range of products, say what products are and who/what they are for. Look at how they work and what they could be used for. Say what they think a product is made from. Say what they like or dislike about a product and why. Independently judge their products and ideas against simple design criteria. Talk about how they would improve their product/design. 	
	Technical Knowledge				
Progr essio n	 Beginning to be interested in and describe the texture of things. Experiment to create different textures. 	 Experiment to create different textures and forms. Expressive Arts and Design Early Learning Goals. 	Build simple structures from a variety of materials, with support, explore how they can be made stronger.	 Build structures from a variety of materials and independently explore how they can be made stronger. Understand how simple mechanisms work and name them. 	



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	Beginning to understand	Cooking and Show understanding that good	 Begin to learn the names of simple mechanisms and how they work. With support begin to use these mechanisms in their products. Nutrition Know that food comes from plants 	 Use these mechanisms in their products. Know that food comes from plants
Progr	healthy and not healthy foods	practices with regards to eating	or animals.	or animals and be able to link some
essio	 Begin to explore new foods and 	can contribute to good health.	 Name basic food groups and know 	foods to their source.
n	be willing to try new things	Be able to talk about where food	that a healthy diet includes fruit,	 Discuss what is required for a
	with adult support.	comes from.	vegetables and water.	healthy diet and be able to assemble
	With adult reminders know	 Name some healthy and 	 know that food labels provide 	a "healthy plate."
	that they need to wash hands	unhealthy foods and talk about	nutritional information.	Know that food labels provide
	before eating and after going to	different food groups.	Know the importance of washing	nutritional information and begin to
	the toilet.	 Remember to wash their hands 	their hands before preparing and	read them.
	 Explore a variety of tools and 	before eating and after going to	eating food.	Know the importance of washing
	malleable materials.	the toilet.	 Use a variety of cooking 	their hands and cleaning surfaces
	 With adult support use basic 	 Use a variety of tools and 	techniques. With some	before preparing and eating food.
	techniques for cooking like	malleable materials in their play	supervision: weigh, measure, sift,	Use a variety of cooking techniques.
	mixing, rolling and shaping.	with increasing competence.	mix, roll, use cutters, spread. With	With minimal supervision: weigh,
		With adult support explore more	very close supervision: mash, peel,	measure, sift, mix, roll, use cutters,
		techniques for cooking like	grate, cut.	spread. With some supervision:
		mashing and cutting.	Assemble cold ingredients with	mash, peel, grate, cut.
			some support.	Assemble cold ingredients.
		Managing Self and Physical	Observe adults using equipment	Observe adults using equipment like
		Development Early Learning Goals.	like the hob, oven, toaster or	the hob, oven, toaster or microwave
			microwave.	and talk about safety measures.



Voca bular y Names of basic tools e.g. scissors, knife. Names of basic materials e.g. glue, stick, tape, string, paper, card, blocks, bricks. Basic texture vocabulary e.g. hard, soft, rough, smooth. Healthy, unhealthy, "good for you." Additional tools e.g. masher, peeler, grater. Additional materials e.g. tissue paper, cotton wool, straws. Ingredients, recipe. Additional tools e.g. masher, peeler, grater. Additional materials e.g. tissue paper, cotton wool, straws. Ingredients, recipe. Product, design, tools, structure, wheel, lever, equipment. Diet, hygiene. Evaluate, mechanism, axle. Nutrition, hygienic, unhygienic.	
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