

Our Curriculum Intent at St Mary's CE School:

To develop a carefully designed, sequential curriculum, underpinned by progressive knowledge and understanding, equipping our children for their future lives. It is aspirational, providing problem solving, challenge and creativity whilst developing character including responsibility, reliability and perseverance. The curriculum ensures the children are able to celebrate uniqueness and diversity and apply their learning to positively impact the local, national and global community.

In order to achieve our Curriculum Intent, we have designed our curriculum around the following **Principles** of design:

 Core and Progressive knowledge – a minimum entitlement that all pupils will be required to know, grounded in the National Curriculum



Creativity

We design our curriculum to be as creative as possible, inspiring through first hand experiences which are inclusive and meeting the needs of the individual. We aim to learn and think creatively through a broad curriculum which enables all learners to discover, celebrate and nurture their talents.



Challenge

Inclusively, we aim to challenge all pupils through high expectations of behaviour and academic success. Working collectively, supporting one another, our curriculum broadens children's life experiences and enables children to takes risks in a supportive environment. Central to this, is building self esteem and encouraging deep thinking, valuing pupil voice and providing rich learning experiences.



Community

Not only do we engage the community in learning, but we encourage sharing learning with the community. We aim to provide a curriculum which establishes a good foundation to enable our children to be inspired to make a difference in the world. Outdoor learning and taking responsibility for the environment is central to this as well as contributing meaningfully to our local, national and global community.

End points of our curriculum:

Principles of design					
Aspiration	PP / SEND / HAPS / EAL	Extended experiences	Subject related careers e.g. how learning is applicable / related to real world situation		
Core Knowledge	Subject based				
Procedural / Powerful Knowledge (skills)	Literacy / numeracy reinforcing opportunities within subjects	Debate / oracy skills and confidence	Opportunities to grapple with big concepts / ideas	 Communication Problem solving Resilience Initiative Organisation Teamwork Digital literacy Creativity 	
Developing Cultural capital	Student Entitlements (e.g. trips / out of school clubs / residential)	Vocabulary extension and aspiration	Wider reading (stretch & challenge texts)	Engaging with inspirational visits and visiting speakers	School Values: Trust Responsibility Respect Honesty Perseverance
Developing Character	Values being lived out in practice	Excellent behaviour for learning	Attendance and punctuality	Independent study skills	
Creativity					
Identifying and addressing Context specific need Community	Healthy lifestyles (Healthy relationships)	Rural Engagement with Yorkshire Dales and Lake District	Developing Understanding of Diversity within the country and world		
Learning is Sequential	Key themes enhanced by				



DT subject Intent:

Our intent is comprised of the following 3 sections:

- 1. Our vision for the subject and the purpose it serves for our pupils
- 2. Defining what the key concepts and core domains of knowledge are, that pupils will learn about
- 3. The end points our curriculum is working towards

1. Our vision

At St Mary's design and Technology sequentially develops children's skills and progressive knowledge in design, structures, mechanisms, electrical control and a range of materials, including food. It encourages children's creativity and encourages them to think in an aspirational way about important issues, as outlined in the National Curriculum document. We follow a 'Design, Make, Evaluate' approach to the teaching and learning of DT, and use creative, problem solving questions to initiate design. This creative curriculum gives the children the opportunity to apply their skills and knowledge to a greater depth (mastery) level. Our scheme, 'Projects on a Page' ensures we have the basis for this vision, allowing them to celebrate their unique, individual skills and positively impact the local, national and even global community.

2. Our key concepts and core domains of knowledge

In EYFS, the early learning goals for Expressive Arts and Design indicate what children should know, understand and be able to do by the end of the reception year. We ensure a significant proportion of this learning is delivered through high quality D&T experiences and activities, enabling children to 'safely use and explore a variety of materials, tools and techniques, experimenting with colour, design, texture, form and function' and 'use what they have learnt about media and materials in original ways, thinking about uses and purposes'. EYFS D&T at St Mary's also makes an important contribution to young children's learning across the remaining six areas of the EYFS framework, including Understanding the World, Physical Development, Literacy, Mathematics, Personal, Social and Emotional Development, and Communication and Language.

At Key Stage 1, learners will start to study the Projects on a Page scheme and cover the National curriculum requirements. Over the life of their learning, learners will study:

- Mechanisms Sliding/levers and Wheels and axles
- Structures
- Food preparing fruit and veg
- Textiles
- Templates and joining techniques

At Key Stage 2, learners will develop skills in the DT curriculum. Over the life of their learning, learners will study:

- Structures Simple shell structures/Frames
- Food Healthy and varied diet
- Electronics -Circuits and switches/ monitoring and control
- Mechanisms pneumatics

- Textiles 2D to 3D product/ Combining different fabric shapes
- Mechanisms -Cams
- Food Seasons and culture
- Mechanisms Levers and linkages/ Gears and pulleys

3. The end points of our curriculum

Our learners will be able to:

- Use a deep variety of technical vocabulary in connection to designing and making, over a wide range of topics. To be able to discuss reasons behind their thought processes and solutions to problems. Work collaboratively in groups with their peers, showing each other respect and compromising to find common ground.
- Develop skills systematically throughout their school journey at St Mary's; building on previous learning in textiles, materials, mechanics, food. Use tools, measuring equipment and presentation skills in an increasingly proficient manner. Develop strategies to evaluate their product and resolve shortcomings.
- Understand that the concepts of Design and Technology have a fundamental role in the world around us. Realise how the necessity for problem solving, through creativity, has shaped the world as we know it and will continue to do so in the future. Understand that there are many professions, hobbies and past times that require skilled designers and engineers.
- Foster a lifelong passion for thinking how to overcome an issue and develop ideas in how to solve practical problems. Be able to evaluate themselves and others working, whilst working collaboratively and independently. Develop enjoyment and fulfilment in a subject has no boundaries and limits in success.

By the end of each year our learners will be able to:

EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Age 3 to 4 years	Designing	Designing	Designing	Designing	Designing	Designing
Personal, Social and	 Generate ideas based on 	 Generate initial ideas and 	 Generate realistic ideas 	 Generate realistic and 	 Generate innovative 	 Generate innovative ideas by
Emotional	simple design criteria and	simple design criteria	and design criteria	appropriate ideas and their	ideas by carrying out	carrying out research using
Select and use activities	their own experiences,	through talking and using	collaboratively through	own design criteria	research using surveys,	surveys, interviews,
and resources, with help	explaining what they could	own experiences.	discussion, focusing on the	through discussion,	interviews, questionnaires	questionnaires and web-based
when needed. This helps	make.	Develop and	needs of the user and	focusing on the needs of	and web-based resources.	resources.
them to achieve a goal they	 Develop, model and 	communicate ideas	purpose of the product.	the user.	 Develop a simple design 	 Develop a simple design
have chosen or one which	communicate their ideas	through drawings and	 Develop ideas through 	 Use annotated sketches 	specification to guide their	specification to guide their
is suggested to them.	through drawings and	mock-ups.	the analysis of existing	and prototypes to develop,	thinking.	thinking.
	mock-ups with card and		products and use	model and communicate	 Develop and 	Develop and communicate
Physical Development	paper.	Making	annotated sketches and	ideas.	communicate ideas	ideas through discussion,
Use large-muscle		 Select from and use a 	prototypes to model and		through discussion,	annotated drawings, exploded
movements to wave flags	Making	range of tools and	communicate ideas.	Making	annotated drawings,	drawings and drawings from
and streamers, paint and	 Plan by suggesting what 	equipment to perform		 Order the main stages of 	exploded drawings and	different views.
make marks.	to do next.	practical tasks such as	Making	making.	drawings from different	
	 Select and use tools, 	cutting and joining to allow	 Order the main stages of 	 Select from and use 	views.	Making
Choose the right resources	explaining their choices, to	movement and finishing.	making.	appropriate tools with		 Produce detailed lists of tools,
to carry out their own plan.	cut, shape and join paper	 Select from and use a 	Select and use	some accuracy to cut and	Making	equipment and materials.
Use one-handed tools and	and card.	range of materials and	appropriate tools to	join materials and	 Produce detailed lists of 	Formulate step-by-step plans
equipment, for example,	 Use simple finishing 	components such as paper,	measure, mark out, cut,	components such as	tools, equipment and	and, if appropriate, allocate tasks
making snips in paper with	techniques suitable for the	card, plastic and wood	score, shape and assemble	tubing, syringes and	materials. Formulate step-	within a team.
scissors.	product they are creating.	according to their	with some accuracy.	balloons.	by-step plans and, if	 Select from and use a range of
		characteristics.	 Explain their choice of 	 Select from and use 	appropriate, allocate tasks	tools and equipment to make
Understanding the World	Evaluating		materials according to	finishing techniques	within a team.	products that that are accurately
Explore how thingswork.	Explore a range of	Evaluating	functional properties and	suitable for the product	 Select from and use a 	assembled and well finished.
	existing books and	 Explore and evaluate a 	aesthetic qualities.	they are creating.	range of tools and	Work within the constraints of
Expressive Arts and Design	everyday products that use	range of products with	 Use finishing techniques 		equipment to make	time, resources and cost.
Make imaginative	simple sliders and levers.	wheels and axles.	suitable for the product	Evaluating	products that that are	
and complex 'small	Evaluate their product by	 Evaluate their ideas 	they are creating.	 Investigate and analyse 	accurately assembled and	Evaluating
worlds' with blocks	discussing how well it	throughout and their		books, videos and products	well finished. Work within	Compare the final product to
and construction kits,	works in relation to the	products against original	Evaluating	with pneumatic	the constraints of time,	the original design specification.
such as a city with	purpose and the user and	criteria.	 Investigate and evaluate 	mechanisms.	resources and cost.	Test products with intended
•	whether it meets design		a range of existing shell	 Evaluate their own 		user and critically evaluate the
different buildings	criteria.	Technical knowledge and	structures including the	products and ideas against	Evaluating	quality of the design,
and a park.		understanding	materials, components and	criteria and user needs, as	 Compare the final 	manufacture, functionality and
Explore different	Technical knowledge and	 Explore and use wheels, 	techniques that have been	they design and make.	product to the original	fitness for purpose.
materials freely, in	understanding	axles and axle holders.	used.		design specification.	Consider the views of others to
order to develop		 Distinguish between 	 Test and evaluate their 	Technical knowledge and	 Test products with the 	improve their work.
their ideas about	Explore and use sliders	fixed and freely moving	own products against	understanding	intended user, where safe	Investigate famous
	and levers.	axles.	design criteria and the	 Understand and use 	and practical, and critically	manufacturing and engineering
how to use them	Understand that	 Know and use technical 	intended user and	pneumatic mechanisms.	evaluate the quality of the	companies relevant to the
and what to make.	different mechanisms	vocabulary relevant to the	purpose.	Know and use technical	design, manufacture,	project.
Develop their own	produce different types of	project.	l .	vocabulary relevant to the	functionality and fitness	l
ideas and then decide	movement.		Technical knowledge and	project.	for purpose.	Technical knowledge and
which materials to		Understand how simple	understanding	Understand and use		understanding
		3-D textile products are		electrical systems in their		

use to expressthem. Create closed shapes with continuous lines, and begin to use these shapes to represent objects.

Age 4 to 5 years Physical Development

Progress towards a more fluent style of moving, with developing control and grace.

Develop their small motor skills so that they can use a range of tools competently, safely and confidently.

Use their core muscle strength to achieve a good posture when sitting at a table or sitting on the floor.

Expressive Art and Design

Explore, use and refine a variety of artistic effects to express their ideas and feelings.

Return to and build on their previous learning, refining ideas and developing their ability to represent them. Create collaboratively, sharing ideas, resources and skills.

Early Learning Goals
Physical Development
Use a range of small tools,
including scissors,
paintbrushes and cutlery.

Expressive Art and Design

Safely use and explore a variety of

- Know and use technical vocabulary relevant to the project.
- Know how to make freestanding structures stronger, stiffer and more stable.
- Understand where a range of fruit and vegetables come from e.g. farmed or grown at home.
- Understand and use basic principles of a healthy and varied diet to prepare dishes.

- made, using a template to create two identical shapes.
- Understand how to join fabrics using different techniques e.g. running stitch, glue, over stitch, stapling.
- Explore different finishing techniques e.g. using painting, fabric crayons, stitching, sequins, buttons and ribbons.
- Understand where a range of fruit and vegetables come from e.g. farmed or grown at home.
- Understand and use basic principles of a healthy and varied diet to prepare dishes, including how fruit and vegetables are part of *The eatwell plate*.
- Know and use technical and sensory vocabulary relevant to the project.

- Develop and use knowledge of how to construct strong, stiff shell structures.
- Develop and use knowledge of nets of cubes and cuboids and, where appropriate, more complex 3D shapes.
- Know and use technical vocabulary relevant to the project. Understand and use lever and linkage mechanisms.
- Distinguish between fixed and loose pivots.
- Know how to use appropriate equipment and utensils to prepare and combine food.
- Know about a range of fresh and processed ingredients appropriate for their product, and whether they are grown, reared or caught.

- products, such as series circuits incorporating switches, bulbs and buzzers.
- Apply their understanding of computing to program and control their products.
- Know how to strengthen, stiffen and reinforce existing fabrics.
- Understand how to securely join two pieces of fabric together.
- Understand the need for patterns and seam allowances.

- Consider the views of others to improve their work.
- Investigate famous manufacturing and engineering companies relevant to the project.

Technical knowledge and understanding

- Understand that mechanical systems have an input, process and an output.
- Understand how cams can be used to produce different types of movement and change the direction of movement.

Know and use technical vocabulary relevant to the project.

- Know how to use utensils and equipment including heat sources to prepare and cook food.
- Understand about seasonality in relation to food products and the source of different food products.

- Understand that mechanical and electrical systems have an input, process and an output.
- Understand how gears and pulleys can be used to speed up, slow down or change the direction of movement.
- Know and use technical vocabulary relevant to the project.
- A 3-D textile product can be made from a combination of accurately made pattern pieces, fabric shapes and different fabrics.
- Fabrics can be strengthened, stiffened and reinforced where appropriate.
- Understand and use electrical systems in their products.
- Understand the use of computer control systems in products.
- Apply their understanding of computing to program, monitor and control their products.
- Know and use technical vocabulary relevant to the project.

materials, tools and			
techniques,			
experimenting with			
colour, design,			
texture, form and			
function.			
Share their creations,			
explaining the process they			
have used.			

Design and technology is an incredibly inclusive subject, with no barriers to success, or limits in its appeal. The St Mary's DT curriculum offers a range of learning to inspire inquisition for all. Teachers are encouraged to confident, ambitious and creative in their teaching, requiring the children working at greater depth to challenge their thinking and stretch their abilities as the skills develop.

Children with identified special educational needs often reveal their true talents and strengths in Design and Technology. Children with specific learning difficulties, such as dyslexia are renowned for their intuition and this is a subject that they can lead the way with their peers and receive the acclamation they deserve. Children with physical difficulties benefit from the chance to develop fine motor skills as tools and materials are used, for example in food technology. Our children with communication difficulties make huge advances in the opportunities to work collaboratively in creative, fun and rewarding tasks with their peers, away from the pressure of the more academic subjects. Staff are encouraged to celebrate these successes through display and sharing platforms.

These skills and confidence that our children acquire in this thorough curriculum, can be transferred to other areas of learning and carry them forward in to the next stage of their education and indeed their adult life.