

Threshold Concepts <small>The big ideas which underpin DT. These are explored in a breadth of topics to develop a DT</small>	DT MILESTONE PROGRESSION		
	Within each MILESTONE children gradually progress their procedural and semantic knowledge through three cognitive domains: BASIC, ADVANCING, DEEP.		
	Milestone 1	Milestone 2	Milestone 3
Master practical skills	FOOD AND NUTRITION Cut, peel or grate ingredients safely and hygienically. Measure or weigh using measuring cups or electronic scales. Assemble or cook ingredients. MATERIALS Cut materials safely using tools provided. Measure and mark out to the nearest centimetre. Demonstrate a range of cutting and shaping techniques (such as tearing, cutting, folding and curling). Demonstrate a range of joining techniques (such as gluing, hinges or combining materials to strengthen). STRUCTURES Practise drilling, screwing, gluing and nailing materials to make and strengthen products. MECHANISMS Create products using levers, wheels and winding mechanisms.	FOOD AND NUTRITION Prepare ingredients hygienically using appropriate utensils. Measure ingredients to the nearest gram accurately. Follow a recipe. Assemble or cook ingredients (controlling the temperature of the oven or hob, if cooking). MATERIALS Cut materials accurately and safely by selecting appropriate tools. Measure and mark out to the nearest millimetre. Apply appropriate cutting and shaping techniques that include cuts within the perimeter of the material (such as slots or cut outs). Select appropriate joining techniques. STRUCTURES Choose suitable techniques to construct products or to repair items. Strengthen materials using suitable techniques. MECHANISMS Use scientific knowledge of the transference of forces to choose appropriate mechanisms for a product (such as levers, winding mechanisms, pulleys and gears).	FOOD AND NUTRITION Understand the importance of correct storage and handling of ingredients (using knowledge of micro-organisms). Measure accurately and calculate ratios of ingredients to scale up or down from a recipe. Demonstrate a range of baking and cooking techniques. Create and refine recipes, including ingredients, methods, cooking times and temperatures. MATERIALS Cut materials with precision and refine the finish with appropriate tools (such as sanding wood after cutting or a more precise scissor cut after roughly cutting out a shape). Show an understanding of the qualities of materials to choose appropriate tools to cut and shape (such as the nature of fabric may require sharper scissors than would be used to cut paper). STRUCTURES Develop a range of practical skills to create products (such as cutting, drilling and screwing, nailing, gluing, filling and sanding). MECHANISMS Convert rotary motion to linear using cams. Use innovative combinations of electronics (or computing) and mechanics in product designs.
Design, make, evaluate and improve	Design products that have a clear purpose and an intended user. Make products, refining the design as work progresses. Use software to design.	Design with purpose by identifying opportunities to design. Make products by working efficiently (such as by carefully selecting materials). Refine work and techniques as work progresses, continually evaluating the product design. Use software to design and represent product designs.	Design with the user in mind, motivated by the service a product will offer (rather than simply for profit). Make products through stages of prototypes, making continual refinements. Ensure products have a high quality finish, using art skills where appropriate. Use prototypes, cross-sectional diagrams and computer aided designs to represent designs.
Take inspiration from design	Explore objects and designs to identify likes and dislikes. Suggest improvements to existing designs. Explore how products have been created.	Identify some of the great designers in all of the areas of study (including pioneers in horticultural techniques) to generate ideas for designs. Improve upon existing designs, giving reasons for choices. Disassemble products to understand how they work.	Combine elements of design from a range of inspirational designers throughout history, giving reasons for choices. Create innovative designs that improve upon existing products. Evaluate the design of products so as to suggest improvements to the user experience.

This provides a progression model. To meet each Milestone children will need strong schema based on knowledge, vocabulary and tasks. Different pedagogical styles are used in each of the cognitive domains. Direct instruction in the basic domain and problem-based discovery in the deep domain. Proof of Progress tasks show are curriculum expectations in each cognitive domain.