


St John's Catholic School Design and Technology Skills (inc Food Technology) Progression Map 2025/2026

EYFS Physical development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. 						
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
	Preparing a salad Moving pictures – levers and sliders Construction castle	Designing and making own leather bookmark Designing and making a fire engine - wheels and axles Healthy wraps	Sewing a bag/purse Designing and constructing a Shaduf Designing and making a healthy toasted sandwich	Christmas decoration – electrical circuit Designing and making a pencil case Designing and making a healthy rice salad	Bread making Mechanical cam toy Design and sew and insulated mug rug	Deconstruct, design and make an item from old clothing Design and make a healthy pasta dish CAM mechanism
Developing, planning and communicating ideas.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make their design using appropriate techniques • Draw on their own experience to help generate ideas • Suggest ideas and explain what they are going to do • Identify a target group for what they intend to design and make • Model their ideas in card and paper • Develop their design ideas applying findings from their earlier research 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Generate ideas by drawing on their own and other people's experiences • Develop their design ideas through discussion, observation, drawing and modelling • Identify a purpose for what they intend to design and make • Identify simple design criteria • Make simple drawings and label parts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Generate ideas for an item, considering its purpose and the user/s • Identify a purpose and establish criteria for a successful product. • Plan the order of their work before starting • Explore, develop and communicate design proposals by modelling ideas • Make drawings with labels when designing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Generate ideas, considering the purposes for which they are designing • Make labelled drawings from different views showing specific features • Develop a clear idea of what has to be done, planning how to use materials, equipment and processes, and suggesting alternative methods of making, if the first attempts fail • Evaluate products and identify criteria that can be used for their own designs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Generate ideas through brainstorming and identify a purpose for their product • Draw up a specification for their design • Develop a clear idea of what has to be done, planning how to use materials, equipment and processes, and suggesting alternative methods of making if the first attempts fail • Use results of investigations, information sources, including ICT when developing design ideas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communicate their ideas through detailed labelled drawings • Develop a design specification • Explore, develop and communicate aspects of their design proposals by modelling their ideas in a variety of ways • Plan the order of their work, choosing appropriate materials, tools and techniques

Working with tools, equipment, materials and components to make quality products (inc food)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With help measure, mark out, cut and shape a range of materials • Use tools eg scissors and a hole punch safely • Assemble, join and combine materials and components together using a variety of temporary methods e.g. glues or masking tape • Select and use appropriate fruit and vegetables, processes and tools • Use basic food handling, hygienic practices and personal hygiene • Use simple finishing techniques to improve the appearance of their product 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Begin to select tools and materials; use vocab' to name and describe them • Measure, cut and score with some accuracy • Use hand tools safely and appropriately • Assemble, join and combine materials in order to make a product • Cut, shape and join fabric to make a simple garment. • Follow safe procedures for food safety and hygiene • Choose and use appropriate finishing techniques 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Select tools and techniques for making their product • Measure, mark out, cut, score and assemble components with more accuracy • Work safely and accurately with a range of simple tools • Think about their ideas as they make progress and be willing change things if this helps them improve their work • Measure, tape or pin, cut and join fabric with some accuracy • Demonstrate hygienic food preparation and storage • Use finishing techniques strengthen and improve the appearance of their product using a range of equipment • Use basic sewing techniques 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Select appropriate tools and techniques for making their product • Measure, mark out, cut and shape a range of materials, using appropriate tools, equipment and techniques • Join and combine materials and components accurately in temporary and permanent ways • Measure, tape or pin, cut and join fabric with some accuracy • Use simple graphical communication techniques 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Select appropriate materials, tools and techniques • Measure and mark out accurately • Use skills in using different tools and equipment safely and accurately • Weigh and measure accurately (time, dry ingredients, liquids) • Apply the rules for basic food hygiene and other safe practices e.g. hazards relating to the use of ovens • Cut and join with accuracy to ensure a good-quality finish to the product 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Select appropriate tools, materials, components and techniques • Assemble components make working models • Use tools safely and accurately • Construct products using permanent joining techniques • Make modifications as they go along • Pin, sew and stitch materials together create a product • Achieve a quality product
Evaluating processes and products	<p>Evaluate their product by discussing how well it works in relation to the purpose</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evaluate their products as they are developed, identifying strengths and possible changes they might make • Evaluate their product by asking questions about what they have made and how they have gone about it 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evaluate against their design criteria • Evaluate their products as they are developed, identifying strengths and possible changes they might make • Talk about their ideas, saying what they like and dislike about them 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evaluate their product against original design criteria e.g. how well it meets its intended purpose • Evaluate familiar products 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evaluate their work both during and at the end of the assignment • Evaluate their products carrying out appropriate tests 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evaluate a product against the original design specification • Evaluate it personally and seek evaluation from others 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evaluate their products, identifying strengths and areas for development, and carrying out appropriate tests • Record their evaluations using drawings with labels • Evaluate against their original criteria and suggest ways that their product could be improved