

A&D and D&T Curriculum Overview

At Burrough Green, we alternate between teaching Design and technology and Art and design each half term. The Art and design units chosen provide coverage of the National curriculum and when combined with the Design and technology units give the best overall skills coverage.

The Design and technology units have been carefully selected to ensure gradual progression towards the National Curriculum end of key stage attainment targets and to cover all the design, make, evaluate and technical knowledge strands. Some key areas appear less frequently than others, for example Textiles, and this is deliberate. The National curriculum statements show that working with textiles is only a small element of the Make strand and many of the making techniques covered in our Textiles units are also covered with a range of materials in other units, such as the use of templates, modelling, measuring and marking out, cutting, shaping and joining. Similarly in Year 2, the coverage of key areas is deliberately imbalanced as there are two Mechanisms units. This is because there is strong progression between the Y1 Structures: Constructing a windmill and the Y2 Mechanisms: Fairground wheel and then again with the Y2 Mechanisms: Making a moving monster. To omit one of these units would negatively impact on the progression.

The Art and design units have been given the titles Drawing, Painting and mixed media, Sculpture and 3D and Craft and design to make skills progression within the spiral curriculum more easily identifiable. However, it is important to remember that skills in Art and design flow between units; the curriculum has been designed to be holistic. You will find that, for example, drawing skills appear in almost every unit; children may apply what they have learned about mixed-media to a task in a Sculpture and 3D unit, and so on. Sometimes we have placed two units from the same area, such as Drawing, in the same cycle rather than spreading them out across the cycles. This is because it is important for pupil progression that they complete the units in the right order.

Because the units are designed to take four or five lessons, there are also some suggestions for stand alone lessons which you could use if you find that you have lessons 'to spare.' Please note that the skills and knowledge from these stand alone lessons is not included on the Progression of knowledge and skills — combined.

Cycle A 2023/24	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2	Stand Alone Lessons
	Art & Design	Design & Technology	Art & Design	Design & Technology	Art & Design	Design & Technology	
EYFS / Y1	<p>Drawing: Make your mark (5 lessons) Developing observational drawing skills when exploring mark-making. Children use a range of tools, investigating how texture can be created in drawings. They apply their skills to a collaborative piece using music as a</p>	<p>Structures: Constructing a windmill (4 lessons) Designing, decorating and building a windmill for their mouse client to live in, developing an understanding of different types of windmill, how they work and their key features.</p>	<p>Sculpture and 3D: Paper play (5 lessons) Creating simple three dimensional shapes and structures using familiar materials, children develop skills in manipulating paper and card. They fold, roll and scrunch materials to make their own sculpture. There are opportunities to</p>	<p>Mechanisms: Wheels and Axis (4 lessons) Experiment with sliders before planning and making three pages of a moving story book, based on a familiar story, drawing the page backgrounds, creating the moving</p>	<p>Sculpture and 3D: Clay houses (5 lessons) Developing their ability to work with clay, children learn how to create simple thumb pots then explore the work of sculptor Rachel Whiteread and apply her ideas in a final piece that uses techniques such as cutting, shaping,</p>	<p>Cooking and nutrition: Fruit and vegetables (4 lessons) Handling and exploring fruits and vegetables and learning how to identify which category they fall into, before undertaking taste testing to establish their chosen ingredients for the smoothie they will</p>	<p>Design & technology Unit: Cooking and nutrition: A balanced diet (Lesson 1)</p> <p>Art and design Unit: Drawing: Tell a story (Lesson 2, 4 and /or 5)</p>

	stimulus and investigate artists Bridget Riley and Zaria Forman.		extend learning to make a collaborative sculptural piece based on the art of Louise Bourgeois.	parts and assembling it.	joining and impressing into clay.	make design packaging for.	
Y2 / Y3	<u>Craft and design: Map it out</u> (5 lessons) Responding to a design brief, children create a piece of art that represents their local area using a map as their stimulus. They learn three techniques for working creatively with materials and at the end of the project, evaluate their design ideas, choosing the best to meet the brief.	<u>Structures: Baby bear's chair</u> (4 lessons) Using the tale of Goldilocks and the Three Bears as inspiration, children help Baby Bear by making him a brand new chair. When designing the chair, they consider his needs and what he likes and explore ways of building it so that it is strong.	<u>Painting and mixed media: Colour splash</u> (5 lessons) Exploring colour mixing through paint play, children use a range of tools and work on different surfaces. They create paintings inspired by Clarice Cliff and Jasper Johns.	<u>Mechanisms: Fairground wheel</u> (4 lessons) Designing and creating their own Ferris wheels, considering how the different components fit together so that the wheels rotate and the structures stand freely. Pupils select appropriate materials and develop their cutting and joining skills.	<u>Painting and mixed media: Life in colour</u> (5 lessons) Taking inspiration from the collage work of artist Romare Bearden, children consolidate their knowledge of colour mixing and create textures in paint using different tools. They create their own painted paper in the style of Bearden and use it in a collage, linked to a theme suited to their topic or classwork.	<u>Cooking & nutrition: Eating seasonally</u> (4 lessons) Discovering when and where fruits and vegetables are grown. Learning about seasonality in the UK and the relationship between the colour of fruits and vegetables and their health benefits by making three dishes	<u>Design and technology Unit: Mechanisms: Making a moving story book</u> (Lesson 1) <u>Art and design Unit: Craft: Woven wonders</u> (Lesson 1, 2 and/or 3)
Y4 / Y5 / Y6	<u>Painting and mixed media: Portraits</u> (5 lessons) Investigating self-portraits by a range of artists, children use photographs of themselves as a starting point for developing their own unique self-portraits in mixed-media.	<u>Structures: Pavilions</u> (4 lessons) Exploring pavilion structures, children learn about what they are used for and investigate how to create strong and stable structures before designing and creating their own pavilions, complete with cladding.	<u>Craft and design: Photo opportunity</u> (5 lessons) Exploring photography as a medium for expressing ideas, pupils investigate scale and composition, colour and techniques for adapting finished images. They use digital media to design and create photographic imagery for a specific design brief.	<u>Mechanical systems: Making a pop-up book</u> (4 lessons) Creating a four-page pop-up storybook design incorporating a range of mechanisms and decorative features, including: structures, levers, sliders, layers and spacers.	<u>Drawing: Make my voice heard</u> (5 lessons) On a journey from the Ancient Maya to modern-day street art, children explore how artists convey a message. They begin to understand how artists use imagery and symbols as well as drawing techniques like expressive mark making, tone and the dramatic light and dark effect called 'chiaroscuro'.	<u>Digital world: Navigating the world</u> (4 lessons) Programming a navigation tool to produce a multifunctional device for trekkers. Combining 3D objects to form a complete product in CAD 3D modelling software and presenting a pitch to 'sell' their product.	<u>Art and design Unit: Painting and mixed media: Artist study</u> (Lesson 1, 4 and/or 5)

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	Art & Design	Design & Technology	Art & Design	Design & Technology	Art & Design	Design & Technology	
EYFS / Y1	<p><u>Drawing: Marvellous marks</u> (6 lessons) Exploring mark making and using the language of texture, children use wax crayons to make rubbings and chalk on different surfaces. They use felt tips to explore colour and pencils to create observational drawings of their faces.</p>	<p><u>Structures: Boats</u> (6 lessons) Exploring what is meant by 'waterproof', 'floating' and 'sinking', pupils experiment and make predictions with various materials to carry out a series of tests. They learn about the different features of boats and ships before investigating their shape and structures to build their own.</p>	<p><u>Painting and mixed media: Paint my world</u> (6 lessons) Creating child-led paintings using fingers and natural items as tools, children learn that colours can be mixed and that paintings can be abstract or figurative. They make collages and explore different techniques for using paint when creating splatter pictures.</p>	<p><u>Textiles: Bookmarks</u> (6 lessons) Developing and practising threading and weaving techniques using various materials and objects. Pupils look at the history of the bookmark from Victorian times versus modern-day styles. The pupils apply their knowledge and skills to design and sew their own bookmarks.</p>	<p><u>Sculpture and 3D: Creation station</u> (6 lessons) Manipulating playdough and clay to make animal sculptures and their own creations, children begin to use language associated with forces: push, pull, twist etc. They create natural landscape pictures using items they have found outdoors.</p>	<p><u>Mechanisms: Making a moving storybook</u> (4 lessons) Experiment with sliders before planning and making three pages of a moving story book, based on a familiar story, drawing the page backgrounds, creating the moving parts and assembling it.</p>	<p><u>Design and technology Unit: Seasonal projects</u> – (as and when relevant throughout the year.)</p> <p><u>Art and design Seasonal Crafts</u> (as and when relevant throughout the year.)</p>
Y2 / Y3	<p><u>Sculpture and 3D: Abstract shape and space</u> (5 lessons) Exploring how shapes and negative spaces can be represented by three dimensional forms. Manipulating a range of materials, children learn ways to join and create free-standing structures inspired by the work of Anthony Caro and Ruth Asawa.</p>	<p><u>Structures: Constructing a castle</u> (4 lessons) Learning about the features of a castle, children design and make one of their own. Using configurations of handmade nets and recycled materials to make towers and turrets and constructing a base to secure them.</p>	<p><u>Drawing: Growing artists</u> (5 lessons) Using botanical drawings and scientific plant studies as inspiration, pupils explore the techniques of artists such as Georgia O'Keefe and Maud Purdy to draw natural forms, becoming aware of differences in the choice of drawing medium, scale and the way tonal shading can help create form.</p>	<p><u>Textiles: Cushions</u> (4 lessons) Introduce two new skills to add to the pupils' repertoire: cross stitch and appliqué. Pupils apply their knowledge to the design, decoration and assembly of their own cushions.</p>	<p><u>Drawing: Power prints</u> (5 lessons) Using everyday electrical items as a starting point, pupils develop an awareness of composition in drawing and combine media for effect when developing a drawing into a print.</p>	<p><u>Mechanisms: Making a moving monster</u> (4 lessons) After learning the terms; pivot, lever and linkage, children design a monster which will move using a linkage mechanism. Children practise making linkages of different types and varying the materials they use to bring their monsters to life..</p>	<p><u>Design and technology Unit: Cooking and nutrition: adapting a recipe</u> (Lesson 1)</p> <p><u>Unit: Textiles: Fastenings</u> (Lesson 1)</p> <p><u>Art and design Unit: Sculpture and 3D: Mega materials</u> (Lesson 1, 2 and/or 5)</p>

Y4 / Y5 / Y6	<p><u>Painting and mixed media: Light and dark</u> (5 lessons) Developing colour mixing skills, using shades and tints to show form and create three dimensions when painting. Pupils learn about composition and plan their own still life to paint, applying chosen techniques.</p>	<p><u>Electrical systems: Torches</u> (4 lessons) Applying their scientific understanding of electrical circuits, children create a torch, designing and evaluating their product against set design criteria.</p>	<p><u>Sculpture and 3D: Interactive installation</u> (5 lessons) Using inspiration of historical monuments and modern installations, children plan by researching and drawing, a sculpture to fit a design brief. They investigate scale, the display environment and possibilities for viewer interaction with their piece.</p>	<p><u>Cooking and nutrition: What could be healthier?</u> (4 lessons) Researching and modifying a traditional bolognese sauce recipe to make it healthier. Children cook their healthier versions, making appropriate packaging and learn about farming cattle.</p>	<p><u>Sculpture and 3D: Making memories</u> (5 lessons) Creating a personal memory box using a collection of found objects and hand-sculptured forms, reflecting primary school life with symbolic and personal meaning.</p>	<p><u>Mechanical systems: Making a slingshot car</u> (4 lessons) Transforming lollipop sticks, wheels, dowels and straws into a moving car. Using a glue gun to, making a launch mechanism, designing and making the body of the vehicle using nets and assembling these to the chassis.</p>	<p><u>Design and technology Unit: Mechanical systems: Pneumatic toys</u> (Lesson 1 and/or 2)</p> <p><u>Art and design Unit: Painting and mixed media: Prehistoric painting</u> (Lesson 1, 3 and /or 4)</p>
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	Design & Technology	Art & Design	Design & Technology	Art & Design	Design & Technology	Art & Design	
Y4 / Y5 / Y6	<p><u>Textiles: Waistcoats</u> (4 lessons) Selecting suitable fabrics, using templates, pinning, decorating and stitching to create a waistcoat for a person or purpose of their choice.</p>	<p><u>Craft and design: Ancient Egyptian scrolls</u> (5 lessons) Learning about the way colour, scale and pattern influenced ancient Egyptian art, children explore the technique of papermaking to create a papyrus-style scroll. Ideas</p>	<p><u>Structures: Playgrounds</u> (4 lessons) Designing and creating a model of a new playground featuring five apparatus, made from three different structures. Creating a footprint as the base, pupils visualise objects in plan view and get creative with their use of natural features.</p>	<p><u>Drawing: I need space</u> (5 lessons) Developing ideas more independently, pupils consider the purpose of drawings as they investigate how imagery was used in the 'Space race' that began in the 1950s. They combine collage and printmaking to create a piece in their own style.</p>	<p><u>Electrical systems: Doodlers</u> (4 lessons) Explore series circuits further and introduce motors. Explore how the design cycle can be approached at a different starting point, by investigating an existing product, which uses a motor, to encourage pupils to problem-solve and work out how the product has been constructed, ready to develop their own.</p>	<p><u>Craft and design: Fabric of nature</u> (5 lessons) Using flora and fauna of tropical rainforests as a starting point, children develop drawings through experimentation and textile-based techniques to a design a repeating pattern suitable for fabric.</p>	<p><u>Art and design Unit: Craft and design: Architecture</u> (Lesson 3, 4 and/or 5)</p> <p><u>Design and technology Unit: Textiles: Cross-stitch and appliqué</u> (Lesson 1)</p>

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