

EYFS Curriculum Links

What does Design and Technology look like in Early Years?



Confident Communicator	Fantastic Friend	Independent Individual
Amazing Athlete	Talented Tool User	Brilliant Bookworm
Wow Writer	Exceptional Explorer	Master of Maths
Compassionate Citizen	Proud Performer	Dynamic Designer

In EYFS, children are introduced to design technology through the 'Expressive Arts and Design' and 'Physical Development' areas of learning. By the end of Reception, children who are at the expected level of development in the area will:

- Safely use and explore a variety of materials, tools and techniques, experimenting with colour, design, texture, form and function.
- Share their creations, explaining the process they have used.
- Use a range of small tools, including scissors, paintbrushes and cutlery.

In both Nursery and Reception, children begin to develop their understanding of the world around them by making, changing and modifying things for themselves. They use various tools and begin to understand that different tools are better for different tasks. They are encouraged to problem solve, explore, observe and talk about the decisions they have made.

Adult-led and continuous provision will give the children the opportunity to construct, join, cook, explore and discuss

The skills learned in EYFS equip the children with the understanding and skills they need to transition into KS1 where our curriculum is underpinned by 3 threshold concepts:

- Master practical skills
- Design, make, evaluate and improve
- Take inspiration from design throughout history