

Foley Infant Academy Design & Technology - Progression of Skills & Knowledge Overview

Progression of Skills	Pre-Nursery	Nursery	Reception	Early Learning Goal
Creating with Materials	Experiment with blocks, colours and marks. Explore different materials, using all my senses to investigate them. Manipulate and play with different materials. Use my imagination as I consider what I can do with different materials. Make simple models which express my ideas.	Create closed shapes with continuous lines and am beginning to use these shapes to represent objects. Draw with increasing complexity and details Use drawing to represent ideas like movement or loud noises. Show different emotions in my drawings and paintings Explore colour and how colours can be changed. Explore different materials freely, in order to develop my ideas about how to use them and what to make. Develop my own ideas and then decide which materials to use to express them. Join construction pieces together to build and balance. Join different materials and explore different textures.	Choose particular colours to use for a purpose. Experiment to create different textures. Understand that different media can be combined to create new effects. Explore, use and refine a variety of artistic effects to express their ideas and feelings. Construct with a purpose in mind, using a variety of resources. Manipulate materials to achieve a planned effect. Return to and build on my previous learning, refining my ideas and developing my ability to represent them. Select appropriate resources and adapts work where necessary. Create collaboratively sharing my ideas, resources and skills.	Safely use and explore a variety of materials, tools and techniques, experimenting with colour, design, texture, form and function. Share my creations, explaining the process I have used. Make use of props and materials when role playing characters in narratives and stories. Develop my own ideas through selecting and using materials and working on processes that interest me. Through exploration, find out and make decisions about how media and materials can be combined and changed.



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Beginning to be interested in and describe the texture of things. Use a variety of construction materials. Beginning to construct, stacking blocks vertically and horizontally, making enclosures and creating spaces.
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Design	Make	Evaluate	Technical Knowledge	Cooking & Nutrition
Nursery:	Nursery:	Nursery:	Nursery:	Nursery:
Begin to use the	To learn to construct with a	Begin to talk about changes made	To learn how to use a range of	Begin to understand some of the
language of	purpose in mind.	during the making process, e.g.	tools, e.g. scissors, hole punch,	tools, techniques and processes
designing and		making a decision to use a different	stapler, rolling pins, pastry cutters	involved in food preparation.
making, e.g. join,	Reception:	joining method.		, ,
build and shape.	Selects tools and techniques		Learn how everyday objects work	Children have basic hygiene
·	needed to shape, assemble and	Reception:	by dismantling things	awareness.
Reception:	join materials.	Say what they like and do not like	,	
Learning about		about items they have made and	Reception:	Reception:
planning and	Explain what they are making	attempt to say why.	Begin to create their design using	Begin to develop a food
adapting initial	and which materials they are	, , ,	basic techniques.	vocabulary using taste, smell,
ideas to make	using.	Begin to talk about their designs as	•	texture and feel.
them better		they develop and identify good and	Start to build tructures, joining	
		bad points.	components together.	



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	Select materials from a limited			Explore familiar food products
	range that will meet a simple	Start to talk about changes made	Look at simple hinges, wheels and	e.g. fruit and vegetables.
	design criteria e.g. shiny.	during the making process.	axles.	
				Stir, spread, knead and shape a
	Select and name the tools	Discuss how closely their finished	Use technical vocabulary when	range of food and ingredients.
	needed to work the materials	products meet their design criteria.	appropriate.	
	e.g. scissors for paper.			Start to think about the need for
			Begin to use scissors to cut straight	a variety of foods in a diet.
	Explore ideas by rearranging		and curved edges and hole pinches	
	materials.		to punch holes.	Measure and weigh food items,
				non-statutory measures e.g.
	Describe simple models or		Use adhesives to join material.	spoons, cups.
	drawings of ideas and			
	intentions.			
	Discuss their work as it			
	progresses.			
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