

South Hams Hub: Design and Technology

Our Overarching Curriculum Intent

Our curriculum is the beating heart of our academy and is rooted in John 10:10.

"I came that they might have life and live it to the full"

Our children will flourish through experiencing a knowledge-rich curriculum which is both broad and balanced and fosters a love of learning, enabling all children to make connections and be well prepared for the next stage of their education.

Curriculum Intent for Design and Technology

As designers and constructors, our children will be empowered to be inquisitive, curious learners. Within the design technology curriculum, they will become critical thinkers, partaking in analysis of the impact of Design Technology on everyday life and the wider world, where they will evaluate past and present innovative enterprise. Our children will research, plan, design, make and critique products that solve real and relevant problems within a variety of contexts considering their own needs and others' views, wants and values.

Design and Technology in the Early Years

Our children are provided with a wealth of opportunities that empower them to develop a range of transferable knowledge, skills and attributes including problem-solving, observation, collaboration, resilience and curiosity. These combine to allow them to explore, interpret and experience the world around them, as well as providing the foundations on which all future learning can be built.

Design and Technology in the Early Years is structured differently to the National Curriculum as it is organised across seven areas of learning rather as a single subject. Carefully planned learning opportunities enable the children to make sense of their physical world and community through a range of personal experiences. These will be expertly planned around the interests of the children and empower them to develop their design and construction knowledge and skills collaboratively and independently.

	Area of learning	Children will be learning to...
Three and Four Year Olds	<i>Personal, Social and Emotional Development</i>	Select and use activities and resources, with help when needed. This helps them to achieve a goal they have chosen or one which is suggested to them.
	<i>Physical Development</i>	Use large-muscle movements to wave flags and streamers, paint and make marks. Choose the right resources to carry out their own plan. Use one-handed tools and equipment, for example, making snips in paper with scissors.
	<i>Understanding the World</i>	Explore how things work.
	<i>Expressive Arts & Design</i>	Make imaginative and complex 'small worlds' with blocks and construction kits, such as a city with different buildings and a park. Explore different materials freely, in order to develop their ideas about how to use them and what to make. Develop their own ideas and then decide which materials to use to express them. Create closed shapes with continuous lines, and begin to use these shapes to represent objects.
Reception	<i>Physical Development</i>	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.
	<i>Expressive Arts & Design</i>	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.

ELG	<i>Physical Development</i>	<i>Fine Motor Skills</i>	Use a range of small tools, including scissors, paintbrushes and cutlery.
	<i>Expressive Arts & Design</i>	<i>Creating with Materials</i>	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.

Key Stage 1

	Autumn	Spring	Summer
Year A	Mechanisms <i>Seasonal change card</i>	Structures <i>London landmarks</i>	Food <i>Summer smoothies</i>
Year B	Textiles <i>Christmas stockings</i>	Mechanisms <i>Moon buggies</i>	Food <i>Fruit salad/kebab</i>

Key Stage 2

	Autumn	Spring	Summer
Year A	Food <i>Dig for Victory</i>	Electrical systems <i>Board games</i>	Structures <i>Party boxes/shell structures</i>
Year B	Textiles <i>Combining fabric shapes</i>	Food <i>Vegan or vegetarian pizzas</i>	Mechanical systems <i>Pulleys and gears</i>
Year C	Electrical systems <i>Torches/table lamps</i>	Structures <i>Frame structures/bird hides</i>	Foods <i>Greek salad</i>
Year D	Mechanical systems <i>Greetings cards/storybooks</i>	Food <i>sandwiches</i>	Textiles <i>Story sacks</i>