



St Matthew's Catholic Primary School

D&T Planning Overview 2023-24

	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term	
Reception	Throughout the year children will have the opportunity to construct with a purpose in mind, use simple tools and techniques appropriately, build and construct with a wide range of objects, select the tools and techniques they need to shape and assemble and join materials using different methods.			
Year 1	Christmas Card Mechanisms Sliders and levers	Playgrounds Structures Freestanding structures	Fruit kebabs Food Preparing fruit and vegetables	
	Children to find out what a moving mechanism is and how to create one. They will focus on slider mechanisms, recognising different types and how they work before using a character to create their own moving picture	Children to explore and discuss various different playground equipment and the materials used to make it. They will choose two different pieces of equipment to draw, label and make.	Children to look at variety of different foods and the importance of eating more fruit and vegetables than certain other groups of foods. They will be challenged to design some new recipes using different fruits and making sure they are colourful, tasty and healthy	
Year 2	Christmas decorations Textiles Templates and joining techniques	Perfect Pizzas Food Preparing fruit and vegetables	Moving vehicle Mechanisms Wheels and axles	
	Children will learn different sewing techniques to use when creating a decoration. They will practise these skills before making their decoration	Children to look at variety of different foods and the importance of eating a well-balanced diet. Children to design and make a healthy and balanced pizza, making sure they remember to follow the pizza criteria chosen.	Children to explore and discuss a variety of different vehicles, their features and what they are used for. To follow their designs to create and make their vehicles using a range of craft materials. They will need to make sure they are working safely and carefully	
Year 3	Gift boxes Structures Shell structures	Pencil Cases Textiles 2-D shape to 3-D product	Desserts Food Healthy and varied diet	
	Children will investigate a collection of different shell structures including packaging and gifts boxes. They will then design and create their own shell structure with a specific purpose.	Children will learn about a variety of hand-sewing stitches, then either practise joining pieces of scrap material using different hand-sewing stitches, or practise stitches using a template.	Children will learn about the nutritional content of a variety of desserts and consider how grouping food can help us plan for a healthy diet.	

Year 4	Seasonal Food Food Healthy and varied diet	Storybooks Mechanical Systems Levers and linkages	Light it up Electrical Systems Simple circuits and switches
	Children will learn about the nutritional content of a variety of foods and consider how grouping food can help us plan for a healthy diet.	Children will examine a variety of books with moving mechanisms and discuss their design and construction using some technical vocabulary. They will then more closely examine some moving mechanisms, sketching and labelling them.	Children will study a variety of lights, describing some of their features, e.g. the way they reflect light, how they are designed to be free-standing. They may then label and describe the features of a light, or examine a variety of different lights.
Year 5	Building Bridges Structures Frame structures	Bread Food Celebrating culture and seasonality	Steady hand game Electrical Systems More complex switches and circuits
	Children will learn about how simple bridges are constructed using beams, pillars or piers, then make and test beam bridge designs	Children will learn about different types of food and the cultures and/or regions from which they originate. They will then taste and describe a variety of foods.	Using their understanding of electrical systems and design, pupils are challenged with designing and creating a steady hand game. Children will use electrical circuits to build a circuit with a buzzer.
Year 6	Gingerbread Food Celebrating culture and seasonality	Fashion and Textiles Textiles Combining different fabric shapes	Fairgrounds Mechanical Systems Pulleys or gears
	Children to explore and discuss different varieties of foods and combinations. They will analyse different nutrition facts and find out how to check the nutrition fact labels. They will design and create patterns to help shape their design.	Children will start to learn about the work of fashion designers, then discover some ways in which textiles may be joined and decorated. Following this, they may either practise hand sewing stitches or identify machine stitching patterns on a range of garment	Children to explore and discuss different fairground rides they have been on. They will think about how they move, what are the components that join them together and the mechanisms that make them work by labelling different pictures of fairground rides.