DT Progression of Skills

Key Themes	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
Developing ideas and planning my product	I can make a simple plan before making. I can explain to someone else how I want to make my product.	I can think of an idea and plan what to do next, communicating my ideas through talking, drawing and labelling.	I can design a product and make sure that it looks attractive. I can follow a step-by-step plan, choosing the right equipment and materials.	I can use ideas from other people when I am designing. I can produce a plan and explain it. I can present a product in an interesting way.	I can come up with a range of ideas after collecting information from different sources. I can produce a detailed, step-by-step plan. I can explain how a product will appeal to a specific audience.	I can use market research to inform my plans and ideas. I can follow and refine my plans. I can justify my plans in a convincing way.
Making and understanding how products work	I can use my own ideas to make something. I can cut food safely. I can make a product which moves. I can choose appropriate resources and tools. I can make my model stronger.	I can choose tools, ingredients and materials and explain why I have chosen them. I can use tools, including scissors, correctly and confidently. I know how to prepare food safely. I can explore and use mechanisms to make a moving windmill. I can join materials and components in different ways. I can explore how to build stronger, stiffer and more stable structures.	I can join materials together using the best method for the material. I can select the most appropriate tools and techniques for a given task. I can work safely and hygienically. I can work accurately to measure, make cuts and make holes. I can describe how food ingredients come together.	I can measure and cut accurately using the correct equipment. I can persevere and adapt my work when my original ideas do not work. I know how to be both hygienic and safe when using food and why this is important. I can use mechanisms to make a Roman catapult function correctly.	I can use a range of tools and equipment competently. I can make a prototype before make a final version.	I can produce a product which is functional and uses the correct construction techniques. I can work within a budget. I can show that my designs fit their purpose.
Evaluating products I have made	I can describe how something works.	I can evaluate my ideas against my design plan/design criteria.	I can prove that my design meets some set criteria.	I can evaluate and suggest improvements for my designs.	I can suggest alternative plans; outlining the positive features and draw backs. I can evaluate appearance and function against original criteria.	I show that I can test and evaluate my products. I can evaluate my product against clear criteria.

These skills build year on year – by the end of Y6 children are expected to have completed each of the key skills for each theme