Curriculum Overview: Design Technology

| Year Group | Content overview Cycle 1 | Content overview Cycle 2 | Content overview Cycle 3 |
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| 5 | Gumball Dispensing Machine Card modelling / Prototyping Mechanisms | Bridges Designing, making and testing bridge structures Adding strength and stability to structures | Shakespeare's Globe |
| | Food & Nutrition Immersion Day: Guacamole with tortilla chips (Mayans – Hist/Eng) | Food & Nutrition Immersion Day: Eggless sponge cake (WW2 – Hist/Eng) | Food & Nutrition Immersion Day: Seasonal veg pizzas (Communities – Geog) |
| 6 | Circuit building / component identification Introduction to workshops tools and equipment | Viking Longships • Scale modelling to create a realistic product • Figure modelling in the style of Giacometti | Influence and impact of inventions designed in ancient China Designing and making a working product influenced by Chinese culture Testing materials for their properties |
| | Food & Nutrition Immersion Day: Victoria sponge (Victorians – Hist/Eng) | Food & Nutrition Immersion Day: Jerk chicken kebabs with mango salsa (Windrush – Hist/Geog) | Food & Nutrition Immersion Day: Greek meatballs with tzatziki (Greece – Hist/Geog) |
| 7 | Food & Nutrition Healthy and varied diet Importance of nutrition Cooking for various needs/wants/values | Graphics: Mobile Phone Stand CAD/CAM Polymer line bending Designing to solve a real-world problem | RMT: Chocolate Tray and Packaging Thermoforming process / net design and manufacture Designing for a user Designing to solve a real-world problem |
| 8 | Food & Nutrition Making informed healthy choices Range of preparation techniques Modifying recipes in order to cook healthier dishes | Graphics: POS Display CAD/CAM Adding strength to scale structures Designing to solve a real-world problem | RMT: Charles Rennie Mackintosh Inspired Jewellery Casting process CAD/CAM Designing to solve a real-world problem |
| 9 | Food & Nutrition | Graphics: Biomimicry Project • Design inspired by the natural world | Electronics Lighting inspired by De Stijl design movement CAD/CAM Circuit building/components RMT: Wooden Storage Box Joining and strengthening wood Designing for a target market |

