

## Curriculum Intent

### Design & Technology (D&T)

#### Post Covid

Following the school closure due to Covid-19, our priority is for children to feel safe and secure as they return to school. Our Post Covid Curriculum focuses on developing relationships and belonging as this will be central to pupils being successful learners in the short and longer term on their return to school. Where appropriate, there will be a high and forensic focus on securing basic skills in reading, writing through our D&T lessons, embedding prior expected learning and striving for all children to be working within year group expectations by the end of the academic year.

At ECS Primary, we are guided by the National Curriculum for D&T (2014). The National Curriculum for D&T aims to ensure that all pupils:

- Cook and apply the principles of nutrition and healthy eating.
- Think imaginatively and talk about what they like and dislike when designing and making.
- Talk about how things work.
- Draw and model their ideas.
- Select appropriate tools and techniques for making a product, whilst following safe procedures.
- Develop specific skills (designing, making and evaluating), knowledge and understanding.
- Develop the ability to appreciate and critically appraise aesthetic and functional qualities of products and their own and others work.
- Be aware of health and safety in D&T and the wider world.
- Take enjoyment, satisfaction and purpose in designing and making things.
- Evaluate the success of their design and to consider ways of improving it.

Design & Technology (D&T) prepares children to take part in the development of tomorrow's rapidly changing world. The subject encourages children to identify needs and opportunities and then respond by developing ideas and eventually making products and systems. Through the study of D&T children combine practical skills with an understanding of aesthetic, social and environmental issues. This allows them to reflect upon and evaluate present and past D&T, its uses and its impacts. D&T helps all children become discriminating and informed consumers and potential innovators.

At ECS we aim to provide a relevant, challenging and enjoyable D&T curriculum to all children.