

Chadsgrove Curriculum Long Term Planning: Food Technology

Curriculum Intent

At Chadsgrove, pupils following the Navigators and Pioneers Pathways follow elements of the National Curriculum for Food Technology, with the main focus being to develop the skills necessary to have a healthy life. These include knowledge of a balanced diet and how to prepare ingredients to make meals, something considered particularly important for the children and young people at Chadsgrove in order to enable them to be as independent as possible in their daily lives both now and in the future, for their lives beyond school. Other activities in subjects such as Science, Art, Humanities and PSHCE also support learning in this subject.

The Food Technology Long Term Plan follows a two-year rolling programme to give pupils repeated opportunities to revisit and practise key skills. This repetition supports consolidation and helps pupils build confidence and independence in cooking through plenty of hands-on experience.

This Long Term Plan focuses upon the following content from the National Curriculum, which is also further adapted with suggested teaching ideas for classes within the Navigators and Pioneers Curriculum Pathways, as outlined further below.

National Curriculum content:

Pupils should be taught to:

Key Stage 1

- use the basic principles of a healthy and varied diet to prepare dishes
- understand where food comes from

Key Stage 2

- understand and apply the principles of a healthy and varied diet
- prepare and cook a variety of predominantly savoury dishes using a range of cooking techniques
- understand seasonality, and know where and how a variety of ingredients are grown, reared, caught and processed **Key Stage 3**
- understand and apply the principles of nutrition and health
- cook a repertoire of predominantly savoury dishes so that they are able to feed themselves and others a healthy and varied diet
- become competent in a range of cooking techniques [for example, selecting and preparing ingredients; using utensils and electrical equipment; applying heat in different ways; using awareness of taste, texture and smell to decide how to season dishes and combine ingredients; adapting and using their own recipes]
- understand the source, seasonality and characteristics of a broad range of ingredients

The overview below forms the basis of Teachers' Medium Term Plans for the subject, which then further detail content and activities appropriately matched to pupils' learning needs.



Curriculum Implementation

Navigators 1 & 2	<u>Autumn</u>	Spring	<u>Summer</u>
2025 -26	Dairy & Fats	Breakfast & Lunch	Snacks & Desserts
	cutting & mixing including electric tools such as stick blenders to consolidate and develop practical	Taste if possible or discuss the ingredients of different egg dishes that may be served for breakfast and indicate preferences. Make choices to devise own design for egg based breakfast dish. Use equipment, with support, for cutting & mixing including electric tools such as sandwich toasters to consolidate and develop practical skills. Evaluate existing egg-based breakfast dishes	Taste if possible or discuss the ingredients of a range of chilled desserts and by indicating choices, communicate ideas for own product. Use equipment, with support, for cutting and mixing including electric tools such as mixers to consolidate and develop practical skills Evaluate existing dessert products.
	Technical Knowledge Consider how fat content affects texture (structure) of food.	Technical Knowledge Investigate how eggs provide structure to dishes when heated	Technical Knowledge Consider how different ingredients can be used to set a dessert
	· · · · · ·	breakfast or packed lunch, including using eggs. Consider where items	Cooking/Nutrition Make a variety of items suitable for snacks or desserts. Consider where different ingredients come from.
	Celebration dishes - Harvest festival, Halloween, Bonfire Night and Christmas.	Celebration dishes - Valentine's day, Pancake day, Chinese New Year Mothers' day and Easter.	Celebration dishes - May day, Fathers' day, Summer holidays and festivals.



<u>Navigators 1</u> <u>& 2</u>	<u>Autumn</u>	Spring	<u>Summer</u>
2026 - 27	Fruit & Vegetables	Bread, Rice & Pasta	Meat, Fish and Alternatives
	Taste if possible or discuss the ingredients of a range of soups and, by indicating choices, communicate ideas for own product. Use equipment, with support for cutting (Kiddicutter knives) and joining (blending) to make soups. Taste a range of soups and begin to indicate like/dislike Compare finished products (to design criteria) and give thumbs up/down.	by indicating choices, communicate ideas for own product.	Taste if possible or discuss the ingredients of a range of options for a burger filling and, by indicating choices, communicate ideas for own product. Use equipment, with support, from a selection to consolidate cutting, spreading and mixing skills learnt throughout the year Consider qualities of various options for burger fillings Evaluate burger made to design criteria and indicate thumbs up/down.
	Technical Knowledge Investigate how soups can have different textures because of different ingredients or how they are prepared.	Technical Knowledge Investigate how pizzas can have different textures when made with different bases and toppings.	Technical Knowledge With support, build burger and explore how to make stable construction
	Cooking/Nutrition Explore fruits and vegetables in season. Use different pieces of equipment to prepare and make a range of savoury and sweet dishes.	Cooking/Nutrition Explore a variety of 'Staple Foods' from different parts of the world and discuss how these can be used in multi-cultural dishes. Make products that include a balance of nutrients using bread,	Cooking/Nutrition Use meat, fish and alternatives to prepare and make balanced and varied dishes. Celebration dishes - May day, Fathers' day, Summer holidays
	Celebration dishes - Harvest festival, Halloween, Bonfire Night and Christmas.	rice and pasta. Celebration dishes - Valentine's day, Pancake day, Chinese New Year, Mothers' day and Easter.	and festivals



Navigators 3 Pioneers 1	<u>Autumn</u>	Spring	<u>Summer</u>
2025 -26	Dairy & Fats	Breakfast & Lunch	Snacks & Desserts
	Taste if possible or discuss the ingredients of a variety of pastry dishes and indicate choices to evaluate their properties. Indicate choices to design own product using pastry. Use equipment, with support, for cutting, blending & mixing including electric tools such as food processors to consolidate and develop practical skills.	Taste if possible or discuss the ingredients of a range of different breakfast and lunch dishes and indicate preferences. Make choices to devise own breakfast and lunch dishes inspired by dishes from around the world. Use equipment, with support, for cutting & mixing including electric tools such as sandwich toasters, toasters and smoothie makers to consolidate and develop practical skills. The importance of breakfast. Evaluate breakfast and lunch dishes.	Taste if possible or discuss the ingredients of a range of snacks and desserts and by indicating choices, communicate ideas for own product. Use equipment, with support, for cutting, blending & mixing including electric tools such as mixers to consolidate and develop practical skills. Evaluate existing snacks and dessert products.
	Technical Knowledge Consider how fat content affects texture (structure) and flavour of pastry. Nutrients – Revisit Fats	Technical Knowledge Revisit how eggs provide structure to dishes when heated. Nutrients – Revisit carbohydrates and proteins	Technical Knowledge Consider how to add sweetness to a recipe using alternative ingredients and flavours. Nutrients – sugars and calories
	Cooking/Nutrition Make a variety of sweet & savoury dishes using different pastry and dairy products e.g. cheese and onion pasty, sausage rolls, cheese twists, pizza pinwheels, Portuguese tarts.	Cooking/Nutrition Make a variety of items suitable for breakfast or packed lunches e.g. breakfast muffins, frittata, homemade granola, overnight oats, Healthy breakfast quesadilla, healthy sandwich fillers, lunchbox pasta salad, Chorizo and bean baked potato	Cooking/Nutrition Make a variety of snacks and desserts suitable for picnics and summer festivals e.g. fruit scones, mini carrot cakes,
	Celebration dishes - Harvest festival, Halloween, Bonfire Night and Christmas.	Celebration dishes - Valentine's day, Pancake day, Chinese New Year, Mothers' day and Easter.	Celebration dishes - May day, Fathers' day, Summer holidays and festivals.



<u>Navigators 3</u> Pioneers 1	<u>Autumn</u>	Spring	<u>Summer</u>
2026 - 27	Fruit & Vegetables	Bread, Rice & Pasta	Meat, Fish and Alternatives
	Taste if possible or discuss the ingredients of a range of fruit and vegetables in season, cooked and raw. Use equipment, with support for cutting (Kiddicutter knives) and chopping. Taste a range of fruits and vegetables and begin to indicate like/dislikes. Compare finished products (to design criteria) and give thumbs up/down.	Taste if possible or discuss the ingredients of a range of bread, rice and pasta products and, by indicating choices, communicate ideas for own product. Food labelling and allergies. Use equipment, with support, from a selection to prepare products made from starchy carbohydrates. Taste & evaluate a variety of different carbohydrates by indicating like/dislike. Compare finished products (to design criteria) and give thumbs up/down.	Taste if possible or discuss the ingredients of a range of savoury dishes using meat, fish and alternatives and, by indicating choices, communicate ideas for own product. Use equipment, with support, from a selection to consolidate cutting, spreading and mixing skills learnt throughout the year Evaluate savoury dishes made to design criteria and indicate thumbs up/down.
	Technical Knowledge Recap food hygiene and safety in the kitchen. Investigate how fruits and vegetables can have different textures when combined with different ingredients or how they are prepared and cooked. Staple foods and the importance of breakfast. Revisit The Eatwell Guide.	Technical Knowledge Investigate the different types of pasta and how it is made.	Technical Knowledge Discuss new food trends and meat substitutes.
	Weigh and measure. Nutrients – vitamins and minerals Food sustainability – food miles, fair trade and food provenance.	Nutrients – carbohydrates The importance of exercise – energy in vs energy out – calories. Revisit staple foods.	Nutrients – The importance of protein for a healthy diet.
	Cooking/Nutrition Explore fruits & Vegetables in season. Use different pieces of equipment and fruits and vegetables to prepare and make a range of savoury and sweet dishes e.g. Vegetable Stir Fry, Cereal bars, Cheese and potato pie, Vegetable curry /veg Thai curry.	Cooking/Nutrition Continue to explore a variety of 'Staple Foods' from different parts of the world & discuss how these can be used in multi-cultural dishes. Begin to make dishes that are carbohydrate based and include a balance of nutrients e.g. savoury muffins, mac and cheese, savoury rice, a variety of pasta dishes.	Cooking/Nutrition Use meat, fish & alternatives to make balanced and varied dishes e.g. Chicken/fish goujons, meatballs, chilli con carne, fish pie, fajita.
	Celebration dishes - Harvest festival, Halloween, Bonfire night and Christmas.	Celebration dishes - Valentine's day, Pancake day, Chinese New Year, Mothers' day and Easter.	Celebration dishes - May day, Fathers' day, Summer holidays and festivals.

Pioneers 2

Pupils will follow an accredited course that meets their needs and abilities and, where possible, prepares them for independent living by helping them develop the skills needed to plan, budget for and prepare meals for themselves and their families.

Pupils may follow the relevant units in OCR Life and Living Skills Entry Levels 1, 2 and 3 or WJEC units.

Curriculum Impact

Pupils are assessed in Food Technology through a combination of observation, photographic and video evidence, and feedback on written work in their folders where appropriate. Assessment Trackers are used to record the small steps of progress pupils make over time, and feedback is also given throughout each lesson to support the development of both cooking and independent living skills. Teachers record their assessments using Chadsgrove P Steps on SOLAR at the end of each term's work to track overall progress and inform future planning.

Pupils in Pioneers 2 will be assessed according to the Accreditations they are following as detailed in the Medium Term Plans of each group and Teacher.

