



Progression in Textiles
at Riddlesden St. Mary's 2026-2027

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
2 year olds - explore different materials, using all their senses to investigate them. Manipulate and play with different materials.	Know that different materials and fabrics are used for different purposes e.g. wool for a jumper, rubber for wellies.	Use a template to create shapes. Begin to identify different forms of textiles/fabric e.g. felt, velvet, cotton.	To be shown how to thread a needle. To use a running stitch.	Design and make a template from an existing product and apply individual design criteria.	Write design criteria for a product, articulating decisions made. Create a paper prototype.	Introduce a cross stitch in embroidery. Use a variety of techniques, e.g. printing, dyeing, weaving and stitching to	Design a fabric piece in accordance with specification linked to a set of design criteria and a theme.

Use their imagination as they consider what they can do with different materials. 3-4 year olds Explore different materials freely, to develop their ideas about how to use them and what to make. Develop their own ideas and then decide which materials to use to express them. Join different materials and explore different textures.	Use a variety of textiles and fabric. Decorate a piece of Fabric. Use simple weaving techniques: paper, Twigs. Make a fabric collage: Layering fabrics. Join two pieces of fabric together with glue.	Continue to develop understanding weaving techniques. Use different fabrics and materials in collages. Join two pieces of fabric together with pins or staples.	Stitch two pieces of fabric using a running stitch.	Begin to thread a needle independently. Continue to use a running stitch and introduce a back stitch. Apply decoration using beads, buttons, feathers etc. Begin to modify threads and fabrics, knotting, fraying, fringing, pulling threads, twisting, plaiting.	Thread a needle independently. Use a running and back stitch. Apply decoration using needle and thread: buttons, sequins. Gain experience in applying colour by printing and using fabric crayons/ paints. Change and modify threads and fabrics. Introduce a cross stitch in embroidery.	create different textural effects. Demonstrate experience in combining techniques to produce an end piece: embroidery over tie dye. Continue to change and modify threads and fabrics,	Annotate designs and explain any changes made. Design, plan and decorate a fabric piece. Experiment with a variety of techniques. Use a number of different stitches creatively to produce different patterns and textures. Recognise different forms of textiles and express opinions on them.
Possible projects: Textile sensory collage	Possible projects: Animal puppets	Possible projects: Making a shopping pouch for the meerkat.	Possible projects: A stuffed toy	Possible projects: Making a garden tool bag	Possible projects: Making an Egyptian collar	Possible projects: Making a cushion cover	Possible projects: Making a costume for their end of year show.