



QUESTION — IF ANIMALS CAN'T SPEAK, HOW CAN WE USE TECHNOLOGY TO CARE FOR THEM BETTER?



THEME: DIGITAL WORLD— MONITORING DEVICES



Electronics



Technical
knowledge



Design
inspiration



Design
process

WEEKS OF TEACHING	LINE OF ENQUIRY	THRESHOLD CONCEPT	SUBSTANTIVE KNOWLEDGE	DISCIPLINARY KNOWLEDGE	CURRICULUM ENDPOINT
1	HOW CAN WE USE RESEARCH TO DEVELOP DESIGN CRITERIA?	• Design, make, evaluate and improve • Take inspiration from design throughout history	• A monitoring device is an electronic device that observes and records data over time using sensors. • Examples devices: thermometers, smart watches and security devices. • Thermometers are a type of monitoring device used to measure temperature. • Thermometers have developed over time, from early thermoscopes to modern digital thermometers, to improve accuracy and safety. • Animals have specific environmental needs, including optimal temperature ranges • These needs can be identified through research using books and the internet, and information should be checked across multiple sources. • Design criteria describe the key features a product must have and are developed from research.	• Design with the user in mind, motivated by the service a product will offer (rather than simply for profit). • Create innovative designs that improve upon existing products.	Design: • Use research and develop design criteria to inform the design of innovative, functional, appealing products that are fit for purpose, aimed at particular individuals or groups. • Generate, develop, model and communicate their ideas through discussion, annotated sketches, cross-sectional and exploded diagrams, prototypes,
2	HOW CAN WE WRITE A PROGRAM TO	• Master practical skills: computing	• A program can monitor the temperature and respond with alerts when conditions fall outside a specified range.	• Write code to control and monitor models or products.	

	MONITOR TEMPERATURE?		- Alerts can be visual (LED display) or audible (sound) to inform the user. - Variables and values store and represent data (e.g., temperature readings). - Loops allow repeated checking of conditions (e.g., continuous temperature monitoring). - Boolean logic (true/false) enables the program to make decisions, such as triggering an alert. - Testing and debugging are essential to ensure programs work correctly; simulators can be used before installing code on physical devices. - Programming an animal monitor supports animal care by alerting owners when the environment is too hot or cold. - Understanding the design criteria and prior animal research ensures the program meets the needs of a specific animal.		pattern pieces and computer-aided design. <u>Evaluate:</u> - Understand how key events and individuals in design and technology have helped shape the world. - Evaluate their ideas and products against their own design criteria and consider the views of others to improve their work. <u>Technical knowledge</u> - Apply their understanding of how to strengthen, stiffen and reinforce more complex structures. - Apply their understanding of computing to program, monitor and control their products.
3	HOW COULD YOU DESIGN A MICRO:BIT HOME THAT'S BOTH CLEVER AND CREATIVE?	Design, make, evaluate and improve	<u>Plastics</u>: artificial, versatile, widely used; single-use plastics cause pollution. <u>Sustainability</u>: use materials responsibly; follow the six Rs (Refuse, Reduce, Reuse, Repair, Recycle, Rethink). - Building bricks allow easy, flexible modelling. - Create multiple designs and improve them through iteration. - Models must fit the Micro:bit and not block buttons or LEDs. <u>Animal Monitor Product</u>: secure, functional, and creative solutions support the device's design criteria. <u>Evaluation</u>: describe favourite design, explain why it works, and suggest improvements.	- Use prototypes, cross-sectional diagrams and computer aided designs to represent designs. - Make products through stages of prototypes, making continual refinements. - Use prototypes, cross-sectional diagrams and computer aided designs to represent designs.	
4	HOW DO I USE 3D CAD?	Master practical skills: computing	- CAD is easy to edit, precise, and reusable. - Physical models are tactile but harder to change. <u>Key CAD Skills:</u> - Place, move, rotate, and resize objects on a work plane. - Group and ungroup objects. - Change object properties like size, colour, and shape. - Build models in layers, like stacking building bricks.	Write code to control and monitor models or products.	

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| | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recreate building brick designs virtually. • Ensure models fit the Micro:bit and meet design criteria. • Compare CAD and physical models. • Identify improvements and new features. | | |
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ASSESSMENT OPPORTUNITY:
 USING THE KAPOW WEBSITE, CHILDREN TO COMPLETE END OF TOPIC QUIZ.