

Design and Technology Vocabulary Progression

Aspect of DT	Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
MECHANISMS	Cut, scissors, snip, hold	Cut, tear, shape, straight, curved, paper fasteners, stick	Mechanism, lever, pivot, paper fastener, curve, wheel, disk, centre, bigger, smaller	Axle, axle holder, chassis, friction, dowel	Mechanism, lever, linkage, slot, guide, bridge, loose pivot, fixed pivot, system		Control, 3D, 2D, pulley, clearance, rotation, slots, series, parallel	Outline, shape, trace, detail, net, length, width, height, proportion, mechanism, crank, crank and slider, cam, shaft, cam and lever, movement, rotation, oscillation, reciprocation, specification
STRUCTURES	Why? What? How? Names of tools, create	Equipment, tools, squeeze, push, join, together, thread, punch, purpose	Freestanding structure, frame structure, shell structure, stability, buttress, brick bonding, mock-up	Wheel, roll, path (of circle, centre, tube, features (on a face), wind, glitter travel), straight, zigzag, bracket, slit, weak, expression (on a face) up and down, cylinder, strong, easy, difficult	Cuboid, edge, face, font, net, prism, scoring, shell structure, vertex	Template, square, preference, practical, cost effective, right angle, sawing board, cutting mat, hacksaw, sand paper	Modelling, compression, strut, tension, tie, diagonal, horizontal, vertical, triangulation, frame structure	
TEXTILES	Weave, fabric descriptions, thread	Thread, sew, weave, in/out, up/down, fabric descriptions	Binca, needle, thread, fabric, applique, fray, mock-up, seam, sew, template, gluing, stapling, pinning, safety pin, running stitch	Binca, needle, thread, fabric, applique, embroider, fray, mock- up, seam, sew, template, gluing, stapling, pinning, safety pin, finishing, running stitch, cross stitch	Threader, applique, embroider, pattern, template, seam, prototype, aesthetics, pinning, template, joining, fastening, over sew, running stitch, cross stitch	Threader, applique, embroider, pattern, template, seam, prototype, aesthetics, pinning, template, joining, blanket stitch, velcro	Mock-up, pattern, template, seam, specification, tacking, working drawing, fastenings, back stitch	Mock-up, pattern, template, seam, seam allowance, specification, tacking, working drawing, fastenings, computer aided design, computer aided manufacture

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FOOD	Chop, peel, mix, stir	Taste, texure, sharp, scoop, measure, peel, chop	Taste, texture, colour, flatten, mash, spread, scoop, handle, blade, edge, peel, pips, stones, core, estimate, ingredients, measure, compare	Fruit, vegetable, nutrients, pith, salad, sensory evaluation, kebab	Appearance, texture, sensory evaluation, preference test, processed food	Appearance, texture, taste, aroma, sensory evaluation, preference test, processed food, mixing, kneading, baking, yeast	Finishing, knead, bran, dough, yeast, unleavened bread	Finishing, rubbing in, knead, bran, endosperm, germ, yeast, unleavened bread
ELECTRONICS						Circuit, conductor, insulator, prototype, push to break/make switch, reed switch, toggle switch, system, output device, input device		Modelling, open switch, closed switch, normally open, normally closed, input devices, output devices