



St James' Church of England Primary School Key Learning in Design & Technology – Year 3 & Year 4



Design		Make		Evaluate			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Develop more than one design or adaptation of an initial design. ▪ Plan a sequence of actions to make a product. ▪ Record the plan by drawing using annotated sketches. ▪ Begin to use cross-sectional and exploded diagrams. ▪ Use prototypes to develop and share ideas. ▪ Think ahead about the order of their work and decide upon tools and materials. ▪ Propose realistic suggestions as to how they can achieve their design ideas. ▪ Consider aesthetic qualities of materials chosen. ▪ Use CAD where appropriate. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Prepare pattern pieces as templates for their design. ▪ Cut slots. ▪ Cut internal shapes. ▪ Select from a range of tools for cutting shaping joining and finishing. ▪ Use tools with accuracy. ▪ Select from techniques for different parts of the process. ▪ Select from materials according to their functional properties. ▪ Plan the stages of the making process. ▪ Use appropriate finishing techniques. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Investigate similar products to the one to be made to give starting points for a design. ▪ Draw/sketch products to help analyse and understand how products are made. ▪ Research needs of user. ▪ Identify the strengths and weaknesses of their design ideas in relation to purpose/user. ▪ Decide which design idea to develop. ▪ Consider and explain how the finished product could be improved. ▪ Discuss how well the finished product meets the design criteria of the user. ▪ Investigate key events and individuals in Design and Technology. 			
Food		Textiles		Structures		Mechanical and Electrical Systems and ICT	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Develop sensory vocabulary/knowledge using, smell, taste, texture and feel. ▪ Analyse the taste, texture, smell and appearance of a range of foods (predominantly savoury). ▪ Follow instructions/recipes. ▪ Make healthy eating choices – use the <i>Eatwell plate</i>. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Develop vocabulary for tools materials and their properties. ▪ Understand seam allowance. ▪ Join fabrics using running stitch, over sewing, blanket stitch. ▪ Prototype a product using J cloths. ▪ Use prototype to make pattern. ▪ Explore strengthening and stiffening of fabrics. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Develop vocabulary related to the project. ▪ Create shell or frame structures. ▪ Strengthen frames with diagonal struts. ▪ Make structures more stable by giving them a wide base. ▪ Measure and mark square section, strip and dowel accurately to 1cm. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Develop vocabulary related to the project. ▪ Use mechanical systems such as gears, pulleys, levers and linkages. ▪ Incorporate a circuit into a model. ▪ Use electrical systems such as switches bulbs and buzzers. ▪ Use ICT to control products. 	

- Join and combine a range of ingredients.
- Explore seasonality of vegetables and fruit.
- Find out which fruit and vegetables are grown in countries/continents studied in Geography.
- Develop understanding of how meat/fish are reared/caught.

- Explore fastenings (inventors?) and recreate some.
- Sew on buttons and make loops.
- Use appropriate decoration techniques.

- Use lolly sticks/card to make levers and linkages.
- Use linkages to make movement larger or more varied.