



St James' Church of England Primary School

Design & Technology Overview Sheet



Year 5 – Textiles: Stuffed Toys



Rationale: Creating their own stuffed toy is a really fun project as children can bring their drawings to life and can make them as challenging or as simple as they choose. Not only does this topic give them the chance to apply skills they have learned in previous topics, it also introduces them to a new stitch – blanket stitch.

Pre-unit task: Watch

- *Teacher video: Designing a stuffed toy*
- *Pupil video: Designing a stuffed toy*

Display Range of homemade toys.

Attention Grabber: Display the *Presentation: Stuffed toys* on your interactive whiteboard.

Flick through the examples from slides 1-10 of the *Presentation: Stuffed toys* and discuss their differences and similarities. You could also hold up some examples of homemade toys.

Learning Objectives:

- To design a stuffed toy
- To sew blanket stitch
- To create and add decorations to fabric
- To use a blanket stitch to assemble the components of a stuffed toy

Overview:

Lesson 1: Designing a stuffed toy – Children decide upon a simple shape on which to base their stuffed toys and record the materials that they will use to create it
 Lesson 2: Blanket Stitch – Children are introduced to and practice blanket stitch.
 Lesson 3: Details and appendages- Pupils add any extra items, appendages and decorative stitches before assembling their stuffed toys.
 Lesson 4: Stuffed toy assembly – Using a blanket stitch, children stuff and sew their toys to complete them.

Cross Curricular Links

Nothing relevant with this topic

Resources

Links: 'Rollin' Wild- Safari' on Videolink • 'Rollin' Wild- Safari' on Videolink • Homemade toys • A4 paper or card (per pupil) • Fabric in different colours • Pins • Activity: Toy design sheet (see Classroom resources) • Link: 'Red Ted Art- How to blanket stitch' on Videolink • Scissors • Scraps of fabric • Thread • Needles • Needle threaders (optional)

Impact/Assessment

Most Children will: Limit their design to one key shape with simple decoration. Join two pieces of fabric using a blanket stitch and neatly cutting out their fabric. Use appliqué or decorative stitching to decorate the front of their stuffed toy. Use blanket stitch to assemble their stuffed toy, repairing when needed and identifying what worked well as well as areas for improvement.

More Able Children will: Incorporate different techniques and materials into their design. Confidently join two pieces of fabric using a blanket stitch and practising other types of stitching (running and cross-stitch). Use neat, small stitches to attach decorative fabric as well as adding decorative stitching according to their designs. Create a stuffed toy with different components, assembling it using blanket stitch which is neat and consistent, repairing or reinforcing areas where necessary.