



Key Concepts	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 3 (2) Aspect of D&T Structures Focus Shell structures using computer-aided design (CAD)	Year 5	Year 6
Prior Learning	Skills						
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experience of using construction kits to build walls, towers and frameworks. • Experience of using of basic tools e.g. scissors or hole punches with construction materials e.g. plastic, card. • Experience of different methods of joining card and paper. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experience of using different joining, cutting and finishing techniques with paper and card. • A basic understanding of 2-D and 3-D shapes in mathematics and the physical properties and everyday uses of materials in science. • Familiarity with general purpose software that can be used to draw accurate shapes, such as Microsoft Word, or simple computer-aided design (CAD), such as 2D Primary by Techsoft. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experience of using different joining, cutting and finishing techniques with paper and card. • A basic understanding of 2-D and 3-D shapes in mathematics and the physical properties and everyday uses of materials in science. • Familiarity with general purpose software that can be used to draw accurate shapes, such as Microsoft Word, or simple computer-aided design (CAD), such as 2D Primary by Techsoft. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experience of using measuring, marking out, cutting, joining, shaping and finishing techniques with construction materials. • Basic understanding of what structures are and how they can be made stronger, stiffer and more stable. 	

Designing			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Generate ideas based on simple design criteria and their own experiences, explaining what they could make. • Develop, model and communicate their ideas through talking, mock-ups and drawings. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Generate realistic ideas and design criteria collaboratively through discussion, focusing on the needs of the user and the functional and aesthetic purposes of the product. • Develop ideas through the analysis of existing shell structures and use computer-aided design to model and communicate ideas. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Generate realistic ideas and design criteria collaboratively through discussion, focusing on the needs of the user and the functional and aesthetic purposes of the product. • Develop ideas through the analysis of existing shell structures and use computer-aided design to model and communicate ideas. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carry out research into user needs and existing products, using surveys, interviews, questionnaires and web-based resources. • Develop a simple design specification to guide the development of their ideas and products, taking account of constraints including time, resources and cost. • Generate, develop and model innovative ideas, through discussion, prototypes and annotated sketches. 	
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Making			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plan by suggesting what to do next. • Select and use tools, skills and techniques, explaining their choices. • Select new and reclaimed materials and construction kits to build their structures. • Use simple finishing techniques suitable for the structure they are creating. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plan the order of the main stages of making. • Select and use appropriate tools and software to measure, mark out, cut, score, shape and assemble with some accuracy. • Explain their choice of materials according to functional properties and aesthetic qualities. • Use computer-generated finishing techniques suitable for the product they are creating. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plan the order of the main stages of making. • Select and use appropriate tools and software to measure, mark out, cut, score, shape and assemble with some accuracy. • Explain their choice of materials according to functional properties and aesthetic qualities. • Use computer-generated finishing techniques suitable for the product they are creating. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formulate a clear plan, including a step-by-step list of what needs to be done and lists of resources to be used. • Competently select from and use appropriate tools to accurately measure, mark out, cut, shape and join construction materials to make frameworks. • Use finishing and decorative techniques suitable for the product they are designing and making. 	
	Evaluating		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore a range of existing freestanding structures in the school and local environment e.g. everyday products and buildings. • Evaluate their product by discussing how well it works in relation to the purpose, the user and whether it meets the original design criteria. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investigate and evaluate a range of shell structures including the materials, components and techniques that have been used. • Test and evaluate their own products against design criteria and the intended user and purpose. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investigate and evaluate a range of shell structures including the materials, components and techniques that have been used. • Test and evaluate their own products against design criteria and the intended user and purpose. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investigate and evaluate a range of existing frame structures. • Critically evaluate their products against their design specification, intended user and purpose, identifying strengths and areas for development, and carrying out appropriate tests. • Research key events and individuals relevant to frame structures. 	

Technical Knowledge			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Know how to make freestanding structures stronger, stiffer and more stable. • Know and use technical vocabulary relevant to the project 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop and use knowledge of nets of cubes and cuboids and, where appropriate, more complex 3D shapes. • Develop and use knowledge of how to construct strong, stiff shell structures. • Know and use technical vocabulary relevant to the project 	Develop and use knowledge of nets of cubes and cuboids and, where appropriate, more complex 3D shapes. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop and use knowledge of how to construct strong, stiff shell structures. • Know and use technical vocabulary relevant to the project. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand how to strengthen, stiffen and reinforce 3-D frameworks. • Know and use technical vocabulary relevant to the project. 	
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