

CUSP DT Core Content: Block C and Block D (Spring Term)

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Year	Block C	Block D
1	Core discipline: Food and Nutrition	Core discipline: Understanding Materials
	Key concept:	Key concept:
	Exploring food senses	Selecting materials
	How does food affect your senses?	Can you build with bread?
	CUSP link: Animals, including humans	CUSP link: Everyday materials
2	Core discipline: Mechanisms	Core discipline: Understanding Materials
	Key concept: Axles and wheels	Key concept: Manipulating materials
	Are bigger wheels always better?	How can you waterproof a hat?
		CUSP link: Uses of everyday materials
3	Core discipline: Mechanisms	Core discipline: Food and Nutrition
	Key concept:	Key concept:
	Levers and linkages - mechanical advantage	Food as medicine
	How can you do a lot of work with little effort?	How does food affect your body and mind?
	CUSP link: Forces and magnets	CUSP link: Animals, including humans
4	Core discipline: Textiles	Core discipline:
	Key concept:	Key concept:
	Fixings and fastenings	Designing structures using a frame to
	How do you keep a tea towel from slipping off	make them stronger and sturdier
	a hook?	Which shapes will give a structure stability?
5	Core discipline:	Core discipline: Food and Nutrition
	Key concept:	Key concept:
	Durability of fabric	Cultural influences on diet
	Which fabric is ideal for creating a	What can you learn from different
	functional and hardwearing lunch bag?	cultures' diets?
		CUSP link: World countries
6	Core discipline: Food and Nutrition	Core discipline:
	Key concept:	Structures Key concept:
	Food and mood	Designing structures revisited -
	Does food affect the way you feel?	combining skills and knowledge
		How strong is a piece of spaghetti?