

Vocabulary Progression: Design Technology

The following represents the core vocabulary introduced in each year group but is not an exhaustive list and subject specific vocabulary will be introduced in-line with subject areas.

The following vocabulary is introduced in Recep	tion
designer	the person who devises a product
evaluate	saying how good or bad a product is
make	the process of making something
flavour	the taste
fruit	a type of food with seeds; healthy
vegetable	a type of food which is usually grown in the ground
The following vocabulary is introduced in Year 1	
cutting	'to cut' – remove one piece from another
design	planning or sketching what a product will look like
make	putting a product together
evaluate	saying how good a product is
function	why something is made
healthy diet	a diet which is balanced and keeps a person healthy
peeling	removing the skin of a fruit or vegetable with a knife or peeler
purpose	the reason a product is made
product	the thing you are making
squeezing	to tighten your grip; squeeze a fruit of its juice
user	the person who uses a product
The following vocabulary is introduced in Year 2	
assembling	putting something together
axle	a rod or spindle which passes through the centre of wheels
axle holder	a device used to hold an axle
chassis	a load-bearing structure which offers support
finishing	what a product looks like at the end
framework	a supportive structure

joining	fastening two things together
lever	a device used to add force
mock-up	a practise design or product
pivot	a pin on which a mechanism turns
quality	how good something is
structure	an object made from several parts
utensil	something used for cookery i.e. a whisk
The following vocabulary is introduced in Year 3	& 4
aesthetics	the look of a design which can add to its appeal
compartment	making up something from materials
fabric	to join together with a removable stitch
fastening	a device which closes or secures something
harvested	to gather a crop
linkage	a system of links
mechanism	a system or parts working together in a machine
processed	when something is changed using science (to keep it)
seam	a line where two pieces of fabric are sewn together
seasonal	in season
scoring	to gently cut with a knife
shell structure	a structure with a hollow inside
stiffening	to make something stiffer
stitch	a stitch is created with a needle and thread
taste	what something tastes like in the mouth
templates	a shaped piece of material used as a pattern
texture	the feel of something
fabrication	the process of making something
tack	a light stitch; not permanent
The following vocabulary is introduced in Year 5	& 6
bespoke	a product which has been made to order
combine	to mix together, more than one
dough	a product made from ingredients when making biscuits or brea
CAD	computer aided designd
САМ	computer aided manufacture
gear	a toothed wheel which works with others to alter speed
motor	an electric component designed to make something move
pulley	a wheel with a ring which a cord passes through
reinforce	to strengthen
strengthen	to make stronger

spindle	a thin rounded rod	
triangulation	using a triangular support to strengthen a structure	
wadding	thick interior stuffing	
yeast	single-cell organism which needs warmth, food and moisture to survive	