



Design and Technology  
Progression of Vocabulary (by unit)

EYFS

Designing: Picture, drawing, use, discuss, idea, develop, model, template, structure.

Making: Experiment, change, tools, materials, use, construct, cut, fold, join, shape.

Evaluating: Materials, use, idea, improve, adapt, change, improve, extra, fix, weak, strong.

Technical Knowledge: Technology, tape, record, video, photograph, computer, iPad/tablet.

Cooking/nutrition: Food, meal, recipe, snack, healthy, diet, taste, try, balanced, investigate, not healthy, apron, chop, cut, equipment, fork, knife, spoon, mix, prepare, fruit and vegetable names, sensory vocabulary e.g., soft, juicy, crunchy, sweet, sticky, smooth, sharp, crisp, sour, hard, flesh, skin, seed, pip, core, slicing, peeling, cutting, squeezing, healthy diet, choosing, ingredients.

Food	Mechanisms		Structures	Textiles
Blender	Assemble	Axle	Client	Decorate
Carton	Design	Axle holder	Design	Design
Fruit	Evaluation	Chassis	Evaluation	Fabric
Healthy	Mechanism	Design	Net	Glue
Ingredients	Model	Evaluation	Stable	Model
Peel	Sliders	Fix	Strong	Hand puppet
Peeler	Stencil	Mechanic	Test	Safety pin
Recipe	Target	Mechanism	Weak	Staple
Slice	audience	Model	Windmill	Stencil
Smoothie	Template	Test		Template
Stencil	Test	Wheel		
Template				
Vegetable				

Year A - LKS2			
Food	Mechanisms	Structures	Textiles
Climate	Exploded diagram	2D shapes	Accurate

Dry climate Exported Imported Mediterranean climate Nationality Nutrients Polar climate Recipe Seasonal food Seasons Temperate climate Tropical climate	Function Input Lever Linkage Mechanism Motion Net Output Pivot Pneumatic system Thumbnail sketch	3D shapes Castle Design criteria Evaluate Façade Feature Flag Net Recyclable Scoring Stable Strong Structure Tab Weak	Applique Cross-stitch Cushion Decorate Detail Fabric Patch Running stitch Seam Stencil Stuffing Target audience Target customer Template
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Year A - UKS2			
Food	Mechanical Systems	Structures	Textiles
Beef Cross-contamination Diet Ethical issues Farm Healthy Ingredients Method Nutrients Packaging Reared Recipe Research Substitute Supermarket Vegan Vegetarian Welfare	Aesthetic Computer-aided design (CAD) Caption Design Design brief Design criteria Exploded diagram Function Input Linkage Mechanism Motion Output Pivot Prototype Slider Structure Template	Abutment Accurate Arched bridge Beam bridge Coping saw Evaluation File Mark out Material properties Measure Predict Reinforce Research Sandpaper Set square Suspension bridge Tenon saw Test Truss bridge Wood	Accurate Annotate Appendage Blanket-stitch Design criteria Detail Evaluation Fabric Sew Shape Stuffed toy Stuffing Template