

Design Technology at Orchard Academy – YEAR 4

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	Shell Structures	Structures
Autumn Term	 Design: Generate realistic ideas and design criteria collaboratively through discussion, focusing on the needs of the user and purpose of the product. Develop ideas through the analysis of existing products and use annotated sketches and prototypes to model and communicate ideas. Make: Order the main stages of making. Select and use appropriate tools 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 finishing techniques suitable for the product they are creating Evaluate: Investigate and evaluate a range of existing 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 Technical Knowledge: Develop and use knowledge of how to construct strong, stiff shell structures. Develop and use knowledge of nets of cubes and cuboids and, where appropriate, more complex 3D shapes. Know and use technical vocabulary relevant to the project. 	
	2-D shape to 3-D product – Reusable products	Textiles
Spring Term	 Design: Generate realistic ideas through discussion and design criteria for an appealing, functional product fit for purpose and specific user/s. Produce annotated sketches, prototypes, final product sketches and pattern pieces Make: Plan the main stages of making. Select and use a range of appropriate tools with some accuracy e.g. cutting, joining and finishing. Select fabrics and fastenings according to their functional characteristics e.g. strength, and aesthetic qualities e.g. pattern. Evaluate: Investigate a range of 3-D textile products relevant to the project. Test their product against the original design criteria and with the intended user. Take into account others' views. Understand how a key event/individual has influenced the development of the chosen product and/or fabric. Technical Knowledge: Know how to strengthen, stiffen and reinforce existing fabrics. Understand how to securely join two pieces of fabric together. Understand the need for patterns and seam allowances. Know and use technical vocabulary relevant to the project. 	
Summer Term	 Simple Circuits and Switches – Light Design: Gather information about needs and wants and develop design criteria to inform the design of products that are fit for purpose, aimed at particular individuals or groups. Generate, develop, model and communicate realistic ideas through discussion and, as appropriate, annotated sketches, cross-sectional and exploded diagrams. Make: Order the main stages of making. Select from and use tools and equipment to cut, shape, join and finish with some accuracy. Select from and use materials and components, including construction materials and electrical components according to their functional properties and aesthetic qualities Evaluate: Investigate and analyse a range of existing battery-powered products. Evaluate their ideas and products against their own design criteria and identify the strengths and areas for improvement in their work. Technical Knowledge: Understand and use electrical systems in their products, such as series circuits incorporating switches, bulbs and buzzers. Apply their understanding of computing to program and control their products. Know and use technical vocabulary relevant to the project. 	Electrical Systems