Design & Technology

Year: 1

Unit: Structures

Links to: EYFS construction

Subject Vocabulary:

Design - a picture to show what something will look like

Plan – a picture or words to show how something will be made

Function - what the object is for

Product - the object made

Join- where materials meet

Materials - things to be used to

Tools – something to help get the job done

Evaluate - does the product work

Test - find out if the product works

Test criteria – ways to test products linked

What I should know by the end of the Unit:

To know what a shell structure is

To know how to make a structure stronger

To know you can make structures from different materials

To know some names of different materials

To know the properties of materials

To know how to use scissors safely

What I Should Already Know:

How to make a simple structure

Know you can make and build with different materials

Know some names of different materials

What is a structure?

Structures are things that are built for a purpose?

They can large or small (buildings, bridges to chairs and tables)

Freestanding structures are structures that can stand up without being attached to something else.

Freestanding structures need to support their own weight and also the weight of the things or people that use them.



Unit Specific Vocabulary:

Structure - a framework made to contain or support

Freestanding structure - not attached or supported by another structure

Strong - able to withstand force/ less likely to break

Stable - not likely to fall over or cave in

Rigid - solid

Support - something that will help the structure to stay up

Join - where materials meet

Construct - to make

Materials – wood, paper, metal, card, plastic, wool

Base - the bottom of the structure

Flexible - is able to bend

Recycle – to reuse or convert to reuse

Prototype – a first version or a product to develop

Base - the bottom of the structure that can help to support and make it stable