

St George's Central CE Primary School and Nursery

Progression of Design Technology Vocabulary 2026-2027

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		What did the journey to Bethlehem look like?			What would you take on a picnic?	How will teddy get home?	
		mechanism lever slot guide bridge pivot masking tape paper fastener forwards backwards			food nutrients pith sensory evaluation kebab food hygiene vegetable tortilla wrap crisp sweet crunchy juicy slicing peeling core	axle axle holder friction dowel mechanism chassis fixed free-moving	
Year 3/4	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2	Additional Year 3/4 Design Technology knowledge and skills vocabulary
		What is the best way to construct a desk lamp?		What is the best way to build a desk tidy?		What does a Mediterranean diet look like?	
		circuit conductor insulator input device output device toggle switch push to make switch push to break switch battery battery holder wire bulb bulb holder crocodile clips		cuboid edge font prism face net scoring shell structure vertex adhesives joining length width breadth capacity		processed food texture sensory evaluation preference test appearance herbs spices base recipe greasy savoury hygienic edible frozen tinned Mediterranean diet	

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Year 5/6	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2	Additional Year 5/6 Design Technology knowledge and skills vocabulary
		How can 3 pieces of fabric make a 3D object?	What foods typically form part of a South American diet?		How does a ferris wheel turn?		
		mock up pattern seam allowance specification tacking working drawing right side wrong side hem pinking shears	rubbing in texture sensory evaluation preference test South American diet budget food allergies yeast unleavened bread seasonal nutrients intolerance allergy		gear gearing up gearing down pulley drive belt driver follower mesh motor spindle		design specification innovative research evaluate design brief authentic accuracy

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			How did the Billy Goats Gruff cross the river?		What makes a great tropical fruit salad?	How can you join fabric to create a puppet?	
			freestanding structure mock up buttress stability brick bonding framework weak strong cuboid thinner thicker		food nutrients pith sensory evaluation kebab food hygiene crisp sweet crunchy juicy slicing peeling core mango papaya persimmon guava	applique embroider design fray mock up glove puppet seam sew template pattern pieces mark out needle thread	
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		How would you use a moving model to explain a volcano?	What makes the basis of a good soup recipe?			How does a flat paper pattern turn into a pencil case?	
		mechanism lever linkage slot guide/bridge loose pivot fixed pivot system linear rotary	processed food texture sensory evaluation preference test appearance herbs spices base recipe greasy savoury hygienic edible frozen tinned			pattern pieces aesthetics applique prototype seam seam allowance fastening zip button cotton polycotton finishing technique	

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	Where would a spider want to live?		How do the seasons affect the availability of food?			How can electrical circuits to improve a game?	
	frame structure modelling compression strut tension diagonal triangulation reinforce horizontal vertical temporary permanent		rubbing in texture sensory evaluation preference test Mediterranean diet budget food allergies yeast unleavened bread seasonal nutrients intolerance allergy			open switch closed switch normally open normally closed input device output device computer controlled input modelling components buzzer	

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