St George's Central CE Primary School and Nursery

Feedback from Key Stage 1 children about Design Technology (June 2022)

General questions about Design Technology

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What is Design Technology about?
Healthy stuff for eating.
 Making things with different materials.
Why is Design Technology important?
I might want to be a designer when I am older.
We might learn useful things like sewing up a rip.
Tell me about your favourite piece of work in Design Technology and tell me why you enjoyed learning about this
Two for the puppets.
• Two for the picnic.
How do you know if you are doing well in Design Technology?
Look at the marking.
The thing I have made would work.
What happens if you are finding work difficult in Design Technology?
My teacher would help me.
 I would wait patiently.
 My friends would help me.
What do you need to do to improve your learning in Design Technology?
Listening to instructions.
Never giving up.
In May, you completed some work on the picnic, what can you tell me about it?
If food isn't healthy your teeth might fall out.
Vegetables and fruit are healthy.
Only eat a bit of chocolate.
We need more of foods like carbohydrates and vegetables.
If you were to complete this work again, what would you do differently?
I needed more different fruits on my kebab.
Can you explain what some of this Design Technology vocabulary means?
Glove puppet- puppet that fits onto your hand.
Seam- no pupil could give a description of this.
• Template- the bit you draw round on the fabric to make the shape, you put two together.
Can you think where this learning link to things that you have learned before in with a different teacher?

Couldn't think of anything immediately.

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How does a pair of scissors work? Show me how you would use them safely.

- Three out of four carried the scissors safely without prompting.
- All could manage to cut out an irregular shape only one truly followed the lines and managed a smooth cut.
- None of the pupils could remember how to cut out an aperture without going in from the side without a reminder, but all then did manage to complete the task.

Can you explain the process you would use to design a new product?

• None of the pupils could explain that you need to research existing products before you design and build, even though the process had been followed in their books.

Why do we need to evaluate our products?

- Might stop us making a mistake.
- Check people will like it.
- Do it better next time.

Action to take as a result of Pupil Feedback on Design Technology

- Ensure that the practical aspect of each project is completed.
- Ask staff to focus on knowledge organiser vocabulary so it is firmly embedded.
- Ask staff to talk through the process that the pupils are undertaking so it becomes second nature to them.

Next Pupil Feedback review: Spring Term 2023

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