

Design and Technology Vocabulary Progression Year 1 – Year 6

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Cooking and nutrition general/shared vocabulary: assemble, chop, combine, cut, evaluate, flavour, follow, fresh, healthy, hygiene, ingredient, mix, prepare, safety, serve, slice, taste, texture, utensil These terms appear across all units and grow in complexity with use (e.g. "cut" evolves to "dice", "taste" evolves to "flavour pairing").					
Plant power: Snack like Jack: assemble, bean, chop, combine, cut, fresh, fruit, grow, harvest, healthy, ingredients, mash, mix, peel, plant, prepare, safe, savoury, seed, slice, smooth, snack, soft, spread, sweet, taste, vegetable	Super veggies to the rescue: bake, coat, cooked, crisp, cut, dip, fresh, harvest, healthy, herbs, ingredients, knife, mash, mix, peeler, peel, potato, prepare, raw, safety, seasonal, slice, stir, toss, vegetable, wash, wedge	Roots and shoots: Unearth the flavours: assemble, chop, cold dish, colourful, flavour, fresh, grate, grater, healthy, hygiene, knife, peel, peeler, prepare, raw, rinse, safe, seasonal, slice, soak, soften, texture	Chocolate that cares: appearance, aroma, cacao, chocolate bark, cooling, eco-friendly, ethical, Fairtrade, fermentation, flavour pairing, harvest, melting point, production, recyclable, roasting, sustainability, tempering, texture, shipping	Tasty travels: Central America on a plate: adapt, assemble, authentic, Central America, chop, combine, cuisine, culture, flatten, fold, fry, knead, mash, portion, prepare, press, recipe regional, scoop, serve, staple, stir, taste, traditional	Mix it up: Create the next food craze: assemble, blend, chop, combine, cuisine, flavour pairing, fold, fresh, fusion, healthy, hybrid, innovation, layer, mash, mix, multicultural, prepare, recipe, reinvent, roll, savoury, slice, texture, trend
Textiles general/shared vocabulary: cut, decorate, design, fabric, fasten, functional, join, material, needle, secure, shape, stitch, template, textile, thread These core terms appear throughout all textiles units, with increasing depth and precision in use.					
Seaside adventures: attach, colour, collage, cool, cut, dark, decorate, fabric, felt, glue, join, layer, light, material, neat, pattern, secure, seaside, shapes, soft, texture, warm	Buzzing bookmarks: aida, appealing, appearance, bookmark, cross-stitch, decoration, durable, embroidery, fabric, functional, neat, needle, needle threader, running stitch, secure, stitches, thread, usable	Stone Age mysteries: appealing, cross-stitch, decoration, durability, fabric, fasteners, functional, historical, knot, needle, overstretch, pins, pouch, running stitch, seam, secure, Stone Age, templates, thread		Moonlit magic: Spooky wall hangings: appliqué, appealing, atmosphere, backstitch, blanket stitch, composition, contrast, decorate, embellishment, embroider, fabric, hanging loop, layering, mood, overstretch, running stitch, secure, symbol, textile, theme	
Construction general/shared vocabulary:					
Toy makers' workshop: recycled, material, explore, safe, plan, string, shape, cut, join, tape, glue, build, wheel, decorate, balance, test, improve, finished, durable	London's burning: Rebuilding history: timber, thatched, wattle, overhang, material, strong, flexible, suitability, frame, support, brace, triangle, beams, feature, structure, diagonal, construct, stable, compress	Magnetic mysteries: magnet, attraction, repel, hidden, force, poles, distance, material, precision, mechanism, secret, artefact, construct, align, ancient, secure, movement, interactive, symbol, treasure	Roman innovations: Bright ideas: Roman, model, inspiration, chariot, circuit, wire, battery, bulb, mosaic, functional, switch, connection, build, attach, decorate, present, conductor, insulator, component, electricity	Fairytale engineering: Pulleys and levers in action: problem, fairytale, solution, pulley, lever, force, load, structure, connect, tension, effort, fulcrum, direction, resistance, pivot, reinforce, modify, measure, aesthetic	Gothic glow: Electrifying creations: Gothic, atmosphere, decoration, silhouette, circuit, component, series, parallel, layout, construct, connect, insulate, troubleshoot, motor, arch, architecture, hacksaw, bench hook, clamp