

STRUCTURES

Vocabulary

base rotate
rotor rotor blade
sail stable
structure

Specific **tools and resources** for each unit and individual lessons, are outlined and referred to on Kapow.

- ✓ *Presentation: Types of windmill.*
- ✓ *Presentation: A stable structure.*
- ✓ *Presentation: Design criteria checklist.*
- ✓ Flipchart (see Attention grabber).
- ✓ Completed windmill for teacher demonstration (see Main event).
- ✓ Paper cups (one each – see Main event).
- ✓ Modelling dough (a small piece each – see Main event).
- ✓ Link: [Assessment – Design and technology: Y1: Structures: Constructing a windmill](#) (optional – see Attention grabber).

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apparatus design criteria
equipment landscape
 features
plan view playground

Specific key **vocabulary** for each unit as well as individual lessons, are outlined and referred to on Kapow.

- ✓ *Presentation: Playgrounds.*
- ✓ *Presentation: Playground design.*
- ✓ Plain paper (one each).
- ✓ Rubbers (one between two).
- ✓ Sharpeners (one between two).
- ✓ A3 card (one each).
- ✓ Link: [Assessment – D&T Y6: Structures: Playgrounds](#) (optional – see Attention grabber).

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EYFS- Junk Modelling		
Skills	Design	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Making verbal plans and material choices. • Developing a junk model.
	Make	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improving fine motor/scissor skills with a variety of materials. • Joining materials in a variety of ways (temporary and permanent). • Joining different materials together. • Describing their junk model, and how they intend to put it together.
	Evaluate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Giving a verbal evaluation of their own and others' junk models with adult support. • Checking to see if their model matches their plan. • Considering what they would do differently if they were to do it again. • Describing their favourite and least favourite part of their model.
Knowledge	Technical	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To know there are a range to different materials that can be used to make a model and that they are all slightly different. • Making simple suggestions to fix their junk model.
	Additional	
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EYFS- Boats		
Skills	Design	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Designing a junk model boat. • Using knowledge from exploration to inform design.
	Make	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Making a boat that floats and is waterproof, considering material choices.
	Evaluate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Making predictions about, and evaluating different materials to see if they are waterproof. • Making predictions about, and evaluating existing boats to see which floats best. • Testing their design and reflecting on what could have been done differently. • Investigating the how the shapes and structure of a boat affect the way it moves.
Knowledge	Technical	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To know that 'waterproof' materials are those which do not absorb water.
	Additional	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To know that some objects float and others sink. • To know the different parts of a boat.
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YEAR 1- Constructing Windmills		
Skills	Design	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learning the importance of a clear design criteria. • Including individual preferences and requirements in a design.
	Make	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Making stable structures from card. • Following instructions to cut and assemble the supporting structure of a windmill. • Making functioning turbines and axles which are assembled into a main supporting structure. • Finding the middle of an object. • Puncturing holes. • Adding weight to structures. • Creating supporting structures. • Cutting evenly and carefully.
	Evaluate	
Knowledge	Technical	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To understand that cylinders are a strong type of structure (e.g. the main shape used for windmills and lighthouses). • To understand that axles are used in structures and mechanisms to make parts turn in a circle. • To begin to understand that different structures are used for different purposes. • To know that a structure is something that has been made and put together. • To know that the sails or blades of a windmill are moved by the wind.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To know that a structure is something built for a reason.• To know that stable structures do not topple.• To know that adding weight to the base of a structure can make it more stable.
	Additional	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To know that design criteria is a list of points to ensure the product meets the clients needs and wants.• To know that a windmill harnesses the power of wind for a purpose like grinding grain, pumping water or generating electricity.• To know that windmill turbines use wind to turn and make the machines inside work.• To know that a windmill is a structure with sails that are moved by the wind.• To know the three main parts of a windmill are the turbine, axle and structure.• To know that windmills are used to generate power and were used for grinding flour.
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YEAR 3- Constructing a Castle		
Skills	Design	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Designing a castle with key features to appeal to a specific person/purpose. • Drawing and labelling a castle design using 2D shapes, labelling: -the 3D shapes that will create the features - materials needed and colours. • Designing and/or decorating a castle tower on CAD software.
	Make	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Constructing a range of 3D geometric shapes using nets . • Creating special features for individual designs. • Making facades from a range of recycled materials.
	Evaluate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evaluating own work and the work of others based on the aesthetic of the finished product and in comparison to the original design. • Suggesting points for modification of the individual designs.
Knowledge	Technical	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To understand that wide and flat based objects are more stable. • To understand the importance of strength and stiffness in structures.
	Additional	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To know the following features of a castle: flags, towers, battlements, turrets, curtain walls, moat, drawbridge and gatehouse - and their purpose. • To know that a façade is the front of a structure.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To understand that a castle needed to be strong and stable to withstand enemy attack.• To know that a paper net is a flat 2D shape that can become a 3D shape once assembled.• To know that a design specification is a list of success criteria for a product.
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YEAR 5- Bridges		
Skills	Design	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Designing a stable structure that is able to support weight. • Creating a frame structure with a focus on triangulation.
	Make	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Making a range of different shaped beam bridges. • Using triangles to create truss bridges that span a given distance and support a load. • Building a wooden bridge structure. • Independently measuring and marking wood accurately. • Selecting appropriate tools and equipment for particular tasks. • Using the correct techniques to saws safely. • Identifying where a structure needs reinforcement and using card corners for support. • Explaining why selecting appropriating materials is an important part of the design process. • Understanding basic wood functional properties.
	Evaluate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adapting and improving own bridge structure by identifying points of weakness and reinforcing them as necessary. • Suggesting points for improvements for own bridges and those designed by others.
Knowledge	Technical	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To understand some different ways to reinforce structures.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To understand how triangles can be used to reinforce bridges. • To know that properties are words that describe the form and function of materials. • To understand why material selection is important based on properties. • To understand the material (functional and aesthetic) properties of wood.
	<p>Additional</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To understand the difference between arch, beam, truss and suspension bridges. • To understand how to carry and use a saw safely.
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YEAR 6- Playgrounds		
Skills	Design	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Designing a playground featuring a variety of different structures, giving careful consideration to how the structures will be used, considering effective and ineffective designs.
	Make	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building a range of play apparatus structures drawing upon new and prior knowledge of structures. • Measuring, marking and cutting wood to create a range of structures. • Using a range of materials to reinforce and add decoration to structures.
	Evaluate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improving a design plan based on peer evaluation. • Testing and adapting a design to improve it as it is developed. • Identifying what makes a successful structure.
Knowledge	Technical	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To know that structures can be strengthened by manipulating materials and shapes.
	Additional	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To understand what a 'footprint plan' is. • To understand that in the real world, design , can impact users in positive and negative ways. • To know that a prototype is a cheap model to test a design idea.
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