| Cubicate DT Free standing structures Versus A. Company (VC4) |
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| Subject: DT – Free-standing structures Year: A – Summer (KS1) |
| NC/PoS: |
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| Design purposeful, functional, appealing products for themselves and other users based |
| on design criteria |
| Generate, develop, model and communicate their ideas through discussion and |
| annotated sketches. |
| - Select from tools and equipment to perform practical tasks [for example, cutting, shaping, |
| joining and finishing] accurately. |
| - Select from and use a wide range of materials and components, including construction |
| materials, according to their characteristics |
| - Explore and evaluate a range of existing products |
| - Evaluate their ideas and products against design criteria |
| - Build structures, exploring how they can be made stronger, stiffer and more stable |
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| Prior Learning (what pupils already know and can do) |
| - Know how to use basic tools e.g. scissors or hole punches with construction materials e.g. |
| plastic, card. |
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| Know of different methods of joining card and paper – glue and tape. |
| - Know how to use various construction materials. |
| - Know how to construct, stacking blocks vertically and horizontally, making enclosures and |
| creating spaces. |
| - Know how to join construction pieces together to build and balance. |
| - Know about the needs of different animals from science – food, water, oxygen, shelter. |
| - Children have visited Knowsley Safari Park and have seen the different types of enclosures |
| and have experienced being a visitor - one of the intended users. |
| End points (what pupils MUST know and remember) |
| - Know how to design a structure and can explain the user and purpose. For example: an |
| animal enclosure for people to visit. |
| - Know how to draw an annotated sketch of their free-standing structure and can label it |
| with materials. |
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| - Know how to select from PVA glue, glue sticks and scissors to cut and join materials (card |
| and cardboard). |
| - Know how to name free-standing structures: Eiffel tower (European. More familiar |
| example) and The Burj Khalifa in Dubai (tallest example) |
| Know how to discuss the different types of animal enclosures – penguins have to have |
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| water to swim in and land, lions need high fences so they don't jump out, giraffes need |
| trees to eat from. |
| - Know if their structure is suitable for the intended user and purpose. They can offer a way |
| to improve their structure with some guidance. |
| - Know how to strengthen a structure using stronger materials, like card instead of paper or |
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| lolly pop sticks instead of cardboard. |
| Key Vocabulary |
| Free-standing structure, framework, strengthen, user, purpose, appeal, evaluate |
| Session 1: |
| Evaluating existing products |
| Discuss definition of a free-standing structure and framework |
| - Look at and research free-standing structures, Eiffel tower and The Burj Khalifa in Dubai |
| (tallest example) |
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- Explore zoo enclosures, link back to Knowsley safari park visit in the autumn term. Consider the user (both visiting user and permanent resident (animal)), purpose and appeal of the enclosures.
- Consider the zoo keeper and how they will look after the animals and feed them.
- Moral Discuss the positives and drawbacks of having animals in zoos.
- Rule of law Discuss the rules for keeping animals both at home and at zoos.

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Session 2:

Practising skills

- Practise assembling, joining and combining materials and components together using a variety of methods glue, tape, string etc
- Explore making their structures more stable and able to withstand greater loads: explore the use of paper vs card vs cardboard vs wood (like lolly pop sticks.)
- Know how freestanding structures can be made stronger, stiffer and more stable fold the card, reinforce with cardboard or lolly pop sticks.

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Session 3:

Designing

- Create a design criterion that considers the user, purpose and appeal.
- Generate ideas based on simple design criteria and their own experiences, explaining what they could make: animal enclosure
- Develop, model and communicate their ideas through talking and annotated sketches.
- Children receive a message from the zoo requesting the children create a prototype of an animal enclosure for a new animal that is joining the zoo (elephant, penguin, monkey, lion)
- Children's design to be done as an aerial view (geography link)

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Session 4:

Making – DT consultant to supply high quality materials and support for this session.

- Plan by suggesting what to do next.
- Select and use tools, skills and techniques, explaining their choices.
- Select new and reclaimed materials and construction kits to build their structures paper, card, cardboard, lolly-pop sticks, straws etc. (children may choose to use their own resources from home to make their enclosure unique/more suitable)
- Use simple finishing techniques suitable for the structure they are creating e.g. the penguin enclosure may have a clear window to look through.
- Resilience during the entire making process, we discuss keeping on trying and never giving up even if the task gets tricky.

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Session 5:

Evaluating

- Evaluate their product by discussing how well it works in relation to the purpose, the user and whether it meets the original design criteria.
- Consider if it is appealing.
- Honesty during the evaluation stages discuss being honest with ourselves (self-reflection) and others to ensure we can improve ourselves and our work.
- Evaluate: How has the free-standing structure been stabilised?

Medium Term Plan: Supporting Implementation of LTP/Progression Grid

- Functionality: How does the enclosure appeal to the users (animal and zoo visitor)?
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- reflection) and others to ensure we can improve ourselves and our work Vocab: evaluate

Future learning this content supports:

LKS2 – Shell structures

UKS2 – Frame structures