



Wombwell Park Street Primary School

Design Technology Policy Document

Aims and Objectives

To ensure that opportunities are planned to provide stimulating practical activities to promote enjoyment and help increase children's knowledge and understanding of materials, products and mechanisms to enable them to make evaluations and modifications of their designs.

Curriculum Organisation

Design Technology projects will be taught in 2 day blocks or a combination of half days each term by the class teacher. DT projects will link directly to the current theme as per the medium term curriculum plan.

Equal Opportunities, Inclusion and Access

The Design Technology curriculum is planned to be inclusive and meet the needs and interests of a full range of learners. Activities and resources will be differentiated, and adult support used to ensure that children make the best possible progress and overcome barriers to their learning.

Planning

Design Technology projects are planned as an integral part of other curriculum topics. These can be taught as a 2 day project following the TASC approach (Thinking Actively in a Social Context) or taught incidentally to enrich the learning in all subjects. Planning should show progression and development of design skills, modification and evaluation.

Assessment and Target Setting

Teachers will modify planning and make continuous assessments of the children's progress. Children are given verbal feedback from their teacher and encouraged to make evaluations of their own work and that of their peers. Children are expected to contribute to thinking of the next steps and lines of enquiry for investigation and design.

Recording and Reporting

At the end of the year parents are given a report for their child which includes a progress report for DT. Feedback is also given to parents about their child's progress during the autumn term and spring term parents evenings.

Safeguarding, Health and Safety

We ensure that full risk assessments are carried out prior to all activities where a risk to health, safety and wellbeing is identified. DT risk assessments are completed specifically for each TASC project and submitted to the Deputy Head with the unit plan.