



# Year 5: Design and Technology



## Autumn Term – Structures Bridges

- **Prior learning** – In year 4 the children made pavilions. This involved understanding what a frame structure is and to know a 'free-standing' structure is one that can stand on its own. They discovered that a pavilion is a decorative building or structure for leisure activities. They learned that cladding can be applied to structures for different effects and furthered their understanding of how aesthetics are important to how a product looks.

- Identify stronger and weaker shapes.
- Recognise that supporting shapes can help increase the strength of a bridge, allowing it to hold more weight.
- Identify beam, arch and truss bridges and describe their differences.
- Use triangles to create simple truss bridges that support a load (weight).
- Cut beams to the correct size, using a cutting mat.
- Smooth down any rough cut edges with sandpaper.
- Follow each stage of the truss bridge creation as instructed by their teacher.
- Complete a bridge, with varying ranges of accuracy and finish, supported by the teacher.
- Identify some areas for improvement, reinforcing their bridges as necessary.
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- To understand some different ways to reinforce structures.
- 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 their properties.
- To understand the material (functional and aesthetic) properties of wood.

- Designing a stable structure that is able to support weight.
- Creating a frame structure with focus on triangulation.
- 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 saw safely.
- Identifying where a structure needs reinforcement and using card corners for support.
- Explaining why selecting appropriate materials is an important part of the design process.
- Understanding basic wood functional properties.
  
- 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.
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Next steps

This is the last structures unit that the children will have at Bentley Heath. In KS3 they will:

- understand developments in design and technology, its impact on individuals, society and the environment, and the responsibilities of designers, engineers and technologists
- understand and use the properties of materials and the performance of structural elements to achieve functioning solutions

Important subject vocabulary

Abutment – to support the pressure of an arch

Accurate – errorless, as perfect as can be.

Arched bridges – has an abutment at each end and a curved arch in the middle

Beam bridge - - the simplest form of bridge with abutments at each end and a simple structure across.

Coping saw – a type of bow saw to cut small things.

Sandpaper – rough paper that when rubbed on a surface usually makes it smooth.

Suspension bridge - deck is hung below suspension cables on vertical suspenders

Tennon saw - A Tennon saw has a relatively short blade with a reinforced back providing stability. It has hard point teeth

Truss bridge - bridge whose load-bearing superstructure is composed of a truss, a structure of connected elements, usually forming triangular units.

**Spring Term – Mechanical systems**  
**Pop up books**

- **Prior learning** – In year 1 the children made moving parts books with sliders and levers. They revisited their lever knowledge in year 2 with linkage of levers. They completed a unit about wheels and axles, understanding how these parts work together to allow movement.

Overview of unit:	Substantive Knowledge:	Disciplinary Knowledge:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Produce a suitable plan for each page of their book.</li> <li>• Produce the structure of the book.</li> <li>• Assemble the components necessary for all their structures/mechanisms.</li> <li>• Hide the mechanical elements with more layers using spacers where needed.</li> <li>• Use a range of mechanisms and structures to illustrate their story and make it interactive for the users.</li> <li>• Use appropriate materials and captions to illustrate the story.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To know that mechanisms control movement.</li> <li>• To understand that mechanisms can be used to change one kind of motion into another.</li> <li>• To understand how to use sliders, pivots and folds to create paper-based mechanisms.</li> <li>• To know that a design brief is a description of what I am going to design and make.</li> <li>• To know that designers often want to hide mechanisms to make a product more aesthetically pleasing.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Designing a pop-up book which uses a mixture of structures and mechanisms.</li> <li>• Naming each mechanism, input and output accurately.</li> <li>• Storyboarding ideas for a book.</li> <li>• Following a design brief to make a pop up book, neatly and with focus on accuracy.</li> <li>• Making mechanisms and/or structures using sliders, pivots and folds to produce movement.</li> <li>• Using layers and spacers to hide the workings of mechanical parts for an aesthetically pleasing result.</li> <li>• Evaluating the work of others and receiving feedback on own work.</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Suggesting points for improvement.</li> </ul>
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Next steps

This is the last mechanisms unit that the children at Bentley Heath will experience before moving to KS3. In KS3 they will:

- develop and communicate design ideas using annotated sketches, detailed plans, 3-D and mathematical modelling, oral and digital presentations and computer-based tools
- select from and use specialist tools, techniques, processes, equipment and machinery precisely, including computer-aided manufacture
- understand how more advanced mechanical systems used in their products enable changes in movement and force

Important subject vocabulary

design criteria - goals we must achieve to make our design successful

motion - moving or being moved

mechanism - parts working together in a machine

input - energy needed to start something working.

**Summer – Food – special day**  
**What could be healthier?**

**Prior learning** – In year 4 the children learned that the amount of an ingredient in a recipe is known as the ‘quantity’. They discovered that it is important to use oven gloves when removing hot food from an oven. They used the following cooking techniques: sieving, creaming, rubbing method, cooling. Finally they understood the importance of budgeting while planning ingredients for biscuits.

Overview of unit:	Substantive Knowledge:	Disciplinary Knowledge:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Understand how beef gets from the farm to our plates.</li> <li>Present a subject as a poster with clear information in an easy to read format.</li> <li>Contribute ideas as to what a ‘healthy meal’ means.</li> <li>Notice the nutritional differences between different products and recipes.</li> <li>Recognise nutritional differences between two similar recipes and give some justification as to why this is.</li> <li>Work as a team to amend a bolognese recipe with healthy adaptations.</li> <li>Follow a recipe to produce a healthy bolognese sauce.</li> <li>Design packaging that promotes the ingredients of the bolognese.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To understand where meat comes from – learning that beef is from cattle and how beef is reared and processed, including key welfare issues.</li> <li>To know that I can adapt a recipe to make it healthier by substituting ingredients.</li> <li>To know that I can use a nutritional calculator to see how healthy a food option is.</li> <li>To understand that ‘cross-contamination’ means that bacteria and germs have been passed onto ready-to-eat foods and it happens when these foods mix with raw meat or unclean objects.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adapting a traditional recipe, understanding that the nutritional value of a recipe alters if you remove, substitute or add additional ingredients.</li> <li>Writing an amended method for a recipe to incorporate the relevant changes to ingredients.</li> <li>Designing appealing packaging to reflect a recipe.</li> <li>Cutting and preparing recipes safely.</li> <li>Using equipment safely, including knives, hot pans and hobs.</li> <li>Knowing how to avoid cross-contamination.</li> <li>Following a step-by-step method carefully to make a recipe.</li> </ul>

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Next steps In year 6 the children will learn:

- To know that many countries have 'national dishes' which are recipes associated with that country.
- To know that 'processed food' means food that has been put through multiple changes in a factory.
- To understand that it is important to wash fruit and vegetables before eating to remove any dirt and insecticides.
- To understand what happens to a certain food before it appears on the supermarket shelf (Farm

Important subject vocabulary

Reared – to raise a cow from a calf

Processed – Processed meat is meat that has been preserved by curing, salting, smoking, drying or canning.

Ethical – the responsible way to treat humans and animal

### Summer Term – Digital world Monitoring devices

Overview of unit:	Substantive Knowledge:	Disciplinary Knowledge:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Prior learning:</b> The children have experienced the computing curriculum.</li> </ul>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Describe what is meant by monitoring devices and provide an example.</li> <li>Explain briefly the development of thermometers from thermoscopes to digital thermometers.</li> <li>Research a chosen animal's key information to develop a list of design criteria for an animal monitoring device.</li> <li>Write a program that monitors the ambient temperature and alerts someone when the temperature moves from a specified range.</li> <li>Identify errors (bugs) in the code and ways to fix (debug) them.</li> <li>State one or two facts about the history and development of plastic, including how it is now affecting planet Earth.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To know that a 'device' means equipment created for a certain purpose or job and that monitoring devices observe and record.</li> <li>To know that a sensor is a tool or device that is designed to monitor, detect and respond to changes for a purpose.</li> <li>To understand that conditional statements (and, or, if booleans) in programming are a set of rules which are followed if certain conditions are met.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Researching (books, internet) for a particular animal's needs.</li> <li>Developing design criteria based on research.</li> <li>Generating multiple housing ideas using building bricks.</li> <li>Understanding what a virtual model is and the pros and cons of traditional and CAD modelling.</li> <li>Placing and manoeuvring 3D objects, using CAD.</li> <li>Changing the properties of, or combining one or more, 3D objects using CAD.</li> <li>Understanding the functional and aesthetic properties of plastics.</li> <li>Programming to monitor the ambient temperature and coding an (audible or visual) alert when the temperature moves out of a specified range.</li> </ul>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Build a variety of brick models to invent Micro:bit case, housing and stand ideas, evaluating the success of their favourite model.</li> <li>• Explain key pros and cons of virtual modelling vs physical modelling.</li> <li>• Recall and describe the name and use of key tools used in Tinkercad (CAD) software.</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stating an event or fact from the last 100 years of plastic history.</li> <li>• Explaining how plastic is affecting planet Earth and suggesting ways to make more sustainable choices.</li> <li>• Explaining key functions in my program (audible alert, visuals).</li> <li>• Explaining how my product's programmed features would be useful for an animal carer.</li> </ul>
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Important subject vocabulary

Boolean - a binary variable that can have one of two possible values, 0 (false) or 1 (true).

Consumables - commodity that is intended to be used up relatively quickly.

Decompose - to break down

Durable - lasts a long time