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| **Year 2** | |
| **Build a house** | |
| **Links made with other subjects** | English Maths History |
| **The BIG Question** | Can you build a house like the ones found in the Great Fire of London? |
| **The BIG Outcome** | To build a stable house that is similar to those found in London during the Great Fire of London |
| **DT objectives**  (link to NC) | Design   * Design purposeful, functional, appealing products for themselves and other users based on design criteria * Generate, develop, model and communicate their ideas through talking, drawing, templates, mock-ups and, where appropriate, information and communication technology   Make   * Select from and use a range of tools and equipment to perform practical tasks [for example, cutting, shaping, joining and finishing] * Select from and use a wide range of materials and components, including construction materials, textiles and ingredients, according to their characteristics   Evaluate   * Explore and evaluate a range of existing products * Evaluate their ideas and products against design criteria   Technical knowledge   * Build structures, exploring how they can be made stronger, stiffer and more stable * Explore and use mechanisms [for example, levers, sliders, wheels and axles], in their products. |
| **Prior knowledge**  What prior knowledge is needed for children to be successful in this unit? | * Use basic tools safely and appropriately. * Work with paper and card: cutting, shaping and joining. * Previous structures unit: Castles, Year 1 |
| **Future learning**  Consider the conceptual knowledge within a subject that pupils need for future learning not just the recall of facts but the importance of concepts | This unit gives prior knowledge to:   * Year 3: Design and build a roundhouse. * Year 4: Design and make packaging. * Year 5: Design and build a Greek structure * Year 6: Design and build a fairground. |
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| **Vocabulary/ Glossary** | Structure, stable, material, strength, section, ramp, area, park, purposeful, functional, stiff, strong, raised, heavy, weak, drawing, ideas, mock-up, choose, decide, evaluate, try out ideas, plan, template, fabric, cutting out, sewing, needle, running stitch, gluing, position, adding, character, puppet, seam, stitch, thread, strong, features, strengthen, symmetr |
| **Knowledge**  (see italics for knowledge to remember) | The knowledge that children will learn and remember:  *1. Investigate and analyse a range of existing products.*   * Show children images of houses from the Great Fire of London. What do you notice about them? How are they built? How are they different from houses today? What are they made from? * Explain to the children they are going to design their own house structures similar to those found during the Great Fire of London, using their structure and textile skills. * Children to look at examples a range of existing products (see links below) to help them form their own design ideas. What do they notice? What do they think they are made from? What works well? What could be improved? * Create a list with the children of the materials used and the features of house.   2. *Generate, develop, model and communicate their ideas through discussion and annotated sketches*.   * To design and plan a stable structure. What does stable mean? What do you think each section of the house is used for? How many rooms are there? Is there a chimney? * Explain what a plan is. Show the children an example of a plan and the end result. Do they look the same? Does the plan look like a photo? * Explain to the children they will be designing their own structures using the displayed design as a basis. Ensure there is a element of textiles incorporated into the design (see below for ideas of how to do this).   3. *Use a range of tools and equipment to perform practical tasks accurately.*   * Can children name materials. * Show children some examples of plastic. What is this material? What are its features? What does it feel like? Repeat this with wood. If possible, provide the children with examples of natural, treated and painted wood. Encourage them to think about the properties of the wood and how easy it would be to make a structure from it. * Explain to the children they are going to make their own structures using cardboard, wood and paper and maybe a few other materials of their choice. * Challenge the children to investigate these materials and decide which one they think will be the best material to make each part of their structure with.   *4. Select and use tools suitable for the task, explaining their choices, to cut, shape and join paper and card.*   * Remind the children that design plans are instructions to follow when making a product. * Which material did we decide to make our product from? * Remind children to refer to the design plans and the step-by-step plan to make their structure.   *5. Use simple finishing techniques suitable for the product they are creating.*   * Children to use a range of materials to help join their structures together – masking tape/glue (see Year 1 scheme of work for further information).   *6. Know and explain how to create a stable structure* (children to think and talk through how their structure stands and what holds it together.)  7. *Evaluate their product by discussing how well it works in relation to the purpose and the user and whether it meets the design criteria.*   * What have we been making? What are they designed to do? How will we know if our product is successful? * Write a list of things a stable structure, like a house, should be able to do. Then add any ideas. How will we know if our structure meets these requirements? * Children to test their products to see if they function as stable structures and then they will evaluate them. |
| **SEND expectations** | The knowledge that children will learn and remember:  *1. Investigate and analyse a range of existing products.*   * Show children images of houses from the Great Fire of London. What do you notice about them? How are they built? How are they different from houses today? What are they made from? * Explain to the children they are going to design their own house structures similar to those found during the Great Fire of London, using their structure and textile skills. * Children to look at examples a range of existing products (see links below) to help them form their own design ideas. What do they notice? What do they think they are made from? What works well? What could be improved? * With support, create a list with the children of the materials used and the features of house.   2. *Generate, develop, model and communicate their ideas through discussion and annotated sketches*.   * To design and plan a stable structure. Explain what a plan is. Show the children an example of a plan and the end result. Do they look the same? Does the plan look like a photo? * Explain to the children they will be designing their own structures using the displayed design as a basis. Ensure there is a element of textiles incorporated into the design.   3. *Use a range of tools and equipment to perform practical tasks accurately.*   * Show children some examples of plastic. What is this material? What are its features? What does it feel like? Repeat this with wood. If possible, provide the children with examples of natural, treated and painted wood. Encourage them to think about the properties of the wood and how easy it would be to make a structure from it. * Explain to the children they are going to make their own structures using cardboard, wood and paper and maybe a few other materials of their choice.   *4. Select and use tools suitable for the task, explaining their choices, to cut, shape and join paper and card.*   * Remind the children that design plans are instructions to follow when making a product. * Which material did we decide to make our product from? * Remind children to refer to the design plans and the step-by-step plan to make their structure.   *5. Use simple finishing techniques suitable for the product they are creating.*   * Children to use a range of materials to help join their structures together – masking tape/glue (see Year 1 scheme of work for further information).   *6. Know and explain how to create a stable structure* (with support, children to think and talk through how their structure stands and what holds it together.)  7. *Evaluate their product by discussing how well it works in relation to the purpose and the user and whether it meets the design criteria.*   * What have we been making? What are they designed to do? * Write a list of things a stable structure, like a house, should be able to do. Then add any ideas. How will we know if our structure meets these requirements?   Children to test their products to see if they function as stable structures and then they will evaluate them. |
| **Resources** | * Materials: paper, cardboard, fabric, wood, stone, plastic, scissors, glue, tape, wooden legs. |
| **Lesson resources** | * Examples of house models: <https://www.gulfbritishacademy.com/2021/02/year-2-recreate-houses-great-fire-london/>  <https://www.holyredeemerschoolpershore.org/year-2-great-fire-of-london-day/> * Example of scheme of work: <https://pinewoodinfants.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/DT-KS1-Autumn-2-structures.pdf>  <https://willerbycarrlaneprimary.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/DT-Year-1-Structures.pdf> |