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## Forton Primary School Design and Technology

Clougha Class  
Summer 1  
Year B

Key Concept: Structures

Focus: Shell structures using computer-aided design (CAD)

Key Question: What makes a shell structure different to a plane structure?

### N.C. LINKS:

When designing and making, pupils should be taught to: **Design**

- use research and develop design criteria to inform the design of innovative, functional, appealing products that are fit for purpose, aimed at particular individuals or groups
- generate, develop, model and communicate their ideas through discussion, annotated sketches, cross-sectional and exploded diagrams, prototypes, pattern pieces and computer-aided design
- **Make**
- select from and use a wider range of tools and equipment to perform practical tasks [for example, cutting, shaping, joining and finishing], accurately
- select from and use a wider range of materials and components, including construction materials, textiles and ingredients, according to their functional properties and aesthetic qualities
- **Evaluate**
- investigate and analyse a range of existing products
- evaluate their ideas and products against their own design criteria and consider the views of others to improve their work
- understand how key events and individuals in design and technology have helped shape the world
- **Technical knowledge**
- apply their understanding of how to strengthen, stiffen and reinforce more complex structures
- understand and use mechanical systems in their products [for example, gears, pulleys, cams, levers and linkages]

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• understand and use electrical systems in their products [for example, series circuits incorporating switches, bulbs, buzzers and motors]</li> <li>• apply their understanding of computing to program, monitor and control their products</li> </ul>
<p><b>Unit Overview:</b> To design and build a hollow structure with a thin outer layer.</p>	<p><b>Vocabulary:</b> shell structure, three-dimensional (3-D) shape, net, cube, cuboid, prism, vertex, edge, face, length, width, breadth, capacity</p> <p>marking out, scoring, shaping, tabs, adhesives, joining, assemble, accuracy, material, stiff, strong, reduce, reuse, recycle, corrugating, ribbing, laminating</p> <p>font, lettering, text, graphics, decision, evaluating, design brief design criteria, innovative, prototype</p>
<p><b>Possible Outcome:</b> gift boxes desk tidy lunchboxes packaging cool boxes party boxes mystery boxes toy car body shell moneyboxes</p>	
<p><b>Intended User:</b> themselves siblings parents relatives friends younger/older children party guests shop customers community group neighbours</p>	
<p><b>. Building on Prior learning KS1:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Knows how to make freestanding structures stronger, stiffer and more stable.</li> <li>• Knows and uses technical vocabulary relevant to the project.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Building on Prior learning when A follow B:</b></p> <p>Developed and uses knowledge of how to construct strong, stiff shell structures.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Developed and uses knowledge of nets of cubes and cuboids and, where appropriate, more complex 3D shapes.</li> <li>• Knows and uses technical vocabulary.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Key Skills (Disciplinary)</b> Designing</p>	

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- Generate realistic ideas and design criteria collaboratively through discussion, focusing on the needs of the user and the functional and aesthetic purposes of the product.
- Develop ideas through the analysis of existing shell structures and use computer-aided design to model and communicate ideas.

### **Making**

- Plan the order of the main stages of making.
- Select and use appropriate tools and software to measure, mark out, cut, score, shape and assemble with some accuracy.
- Explain their choice of materials according to functional properties and aesthetic qualities.
- Use computer-generated finishing techniques suitable for the product they are creating.

### **Evaluating**

- Investigate and evaluate a range of shell structures including the materials, components and techniques that have been used.
- Test and evaluate their own products against design criteria and the intended user and purpose.

### **Technical knowledge and understanding**

- Develop and use knowledge of nets of cubes and cuboids and, where appropriate, more complex 3D shapes.
- Develop and use knowledge of how to construct strong, stiff shell structures.
- Know and use technical vocabulary relevant to the project.

### **Sequence of Lessons:**

#### **1. Investigative and Evaluative Activities (IEAs)**

- Children investigate a collection of different shell structures including packaging. Use questions to develop children's understanding e.g. *What is the purpose of the shell structure – protecting, containing, presenting? What material is it made from? How has it been constructed? Are the materials recyclable or reusable? How has it been stiffened i.e. folded, corrugated, ribbed, laminated? What size/shape/colour is it? What information does it show and why? How attractive is the design?*
- Children take a small package apart identifying and discussing parts of a net including the tabs e.g. *How are different faces of the package arranged? How are the tabs used to join the 'free' edges of the net?*

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- Evaluate existing products to determine which designs children think are the most effective. Provide opportunities for the children to judge the suitability of the shell structures for their intended users and purposes. Discuss graphics including colours/impact of style/logo/size of font e.g. *What do you prefer and why? What style of graphics and lettering might we want to include in our product to meet users' preferences and its intended purpose? Which packaging might be the best for...?*

## **2. Focused Tasks (FTs)**

- Demonstrate simple drawing software such as Techsoft 2D Primary or Microsoft Word. Ask children to explore the interface and drawing tools to practise drawing and manipulating shapes such as rectangles, squares, ellipses, trapezoids and triangles.
- Ask children to use the software to open existing drawings including nets and to draw nets of their own,

## **3. using gridlines and pre-shaped tools.**

- Let the children explore and be guided to try out different fill and font tools to become familiar with the graphic design aspects of the available software to achieve the desired appearance of their products.
- Practise making nets out of card, joining flat faces with masking tape to create 3-D shapes. Experiment with assembling pre-drawn nets in numerous ways using scoring, cutting and assembling techniques. Allow children to construct a simple box and show how a window can be cut out and acetate sheet added.

## **4. Design, Make and Evaluate Assignment (DMEA)**

- Develop a design brief with the children within a context which is authentic and meaningful.
- Discuss the uses and purposes of their shell structure e.g. *What does the product need to do? Who is it aimed at? How will the purpose and user affect your design decisions? Agree on design criteria that can be used to guide the development and evaluation of children's products e.g. How will we know that we have designed and made successful products?*
- Ask the children to develop a design using computer-aided design (CAD) software to create nets, addressing the needs of the user and the purpose.
- Using computer-aided design (CAD) software ask the children to print out their nets to develop prototypes in order to evaluate and refine their ideas e.g. *What will you need to include in your design? How can you improve it? What materials will you use? How will you make sure your product works well and has the right appearance?*
- Ask children to identify the main stages of making and the appropriate tools and skills they learnt through focused tasks. Encourage the children to work with accuracy, using their computer-aided design (CAD) skills as appropriate.
- Evaluate throughout and the final products against the intended purpose and with the intended user, where safe and practical, drawing on the design criteria previously agreed.

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Enhancements:  
N/A

End of Unit Outcome:  
A shell structure that fits the design specification.