# Medium Term Plan: Supporting Implementation of LTP/Progression Grid

Subject: DT - Shell Structures Year: A – Autumn (LKS2) NC/PoS:

- 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, computer-aided design and prototypes.
- Select from tools and equipment to perform practical tasks [for example, cutting, shaping, joining and finishing] accurately.
- Investigate and analyse a range of existing products.
- Evaluate their ideas and products against their own design criteria.
- Apply their understanding of how to strengthen, stiffen and reinforce more complex structures.

### Prior Learning (what pupils already know and can do)

- Children can name 3D shapes cube, cuboid, triangular prism, pyramid, cone, sphere.
- Children can name the 2D shapes used to make 3D shapes.
- Children understand 3D shapes can be made from nets and know what these look like.
- Children can use a laptop and track pad, can access Microsoft word and can type and insert images.
- Children know how to design a structure and can explain the user and purpose. For example: an animal enclosure for people to visit.
- Children know how to draw an annotated sketch of their free-standing structure and can label it with materials.
- Children know how to select from PVA glue, glue sticks and scissors to cut and join materials (card and cardboard).
- Children know how to name free-standing structures: Eiffel tower (European. More familiar example) and The Burj Khalifa in Dubai (tallest example)
- Children know how to discuss the different types of animal enclosures penguins have to have water to swim in and land, lions need high fences so they don't jump out, giraffes need trees to eat from.
- Children state if their structure is suitable for the intended user and purpose. They can offer a way to improve their structure with some guidance.
- Children know how to strengthen a structure using stronger materials, like card instead of paper or lolly pop sticks instead of cardboard.

### End points (what pupils MUST know and remember)

- Children know how to design a structure using a cube or cuboid shaped shell and can explain the user and purpose. For example: a gift box for a friend, a lunch box for them self.
- Children know how to draw an annotated sketch of a shell structure and can label it with materials and strengthening solutions. Children can use a computer to design their net.
- Children know how to make a prototype of a shell structure using paper to practise joining techniques and strengthening solutions (laminating, ribbing, corrugating)
- Children know how to select from PVA glue, glue sticks and scissors to cut and join materials (card and cardboard). They can use card or paper straws to strengthen their structure.
- Children know how to name a real shell structure The Shard, the O2 building.
- Children know if their structure is suitable for the intended user and purpose. They can offer

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a way to improve their structure.

- Children know how to strengthen a structure using ribbing, corrugating or laminating and explain what this means.

#### **Key Vocabulary**

Shell structure, computer aided design, ribbing, corrugating, laminating, scoring,

#### Session 1:

## **Evaluating existing products**

- Carry out research into existing structures, the shard and the O2 building, using web-based resources. Look at pictures of the structures in construction and the final structure. Research the designers of the shard, Renzo Piano and Roma Agrawal.
- Consider: Why were materials chosen? What methods of construction have been used? How has the shell been strengthened and stiffened? How does the shape of the shell effect its strength?
- Data: What does the research into existing products show is required for your structure?
- Explore opening shell structures such as packaging boxes What is its purpose? What material is it made from? How has it been constructed? Is it appealing? Which 3D shapes are most commonly used? Why?

#### Vocab: shell structure

#### Session 2:

#### Practising skills

- Practise making 3d shapes using nets, practising joining techniques using glue and tape.
- Practise strengthening techniques laminating, ribbing, corrugating.
- Practise scoring and cutting out the shapes accurately, e.g. not cutting the glue flaps off.
- Practise using Microsoft word to add images and text, revisit KS1 computing skills.

# Vocab: laminating, ribbing, corrugating

## Session 3:

### Designing

- Through discussion with peers and adults develop a design criterion, this should consider: Who is the intended user and what is the purpose of the shell structure? What materials will you use? How will it be joined? How will it be strengthened? How will it be finished?
- Present ideas through annotated sketches and computer-aided design.
- Design: Can you design a structure ensuring it is strengthened effectively?
- Innovation: Have you considered how to make the project different and better than others of the same kind?
- Model and communicate their ideas through prototypes using paper to practise the shape of the shell, joining techniques and strengthening opportunities.
- Individual liberty children are encouraged to make their products different and unique.

## Vocab: computer aided design

#### Session 4:

### Making

- Children will select from and use appropriate tools to accurately measure, mark out, score, cut, shape, join and strengthen their shell structures using card, cardboard, paper straws, scissors, glue and tape.
- Children will use finishing and decorative techniques suitable for the product they are designing and making in order to make it appealing.

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- Resilience – during the entire making process, we discuss keeping on trying and never giving up even if the task gets tricky.

Vocab: laminating, ribbing, corrugating

### Session 5:

## **Evaluating**

- Evaluate their products against their design specification, intended user and purpose, identifying strengths and areas for development.
- Carry out appropriate tests Does the structure securely hold the intended item?
- Functionality: Does the product work for the intended purpose? Is it strong enough? Is the product appealing to the eye?
- Evaluate: Did the structure maintain its strength through the testing process? What are the areas of strength and improvement?
- Honesty during the evaluation stages discuss being honest with ourselves (self-reflection) and others to ensure we can improve ourselves and our work.

Vocab: evaluate

Future learning this content supports:

LKS2 – Textiles – 2D shapes to a 3D product

UKS2 – Frame structures