Year 3



Knowledge Organiser: D&T

Inquiry Question: How are castles built?

Key Vocabulary					
Design	Make	Evaluate			
Build	Structure	Frame			
Strut	Façade	Net			
Tab	Feature	Stable			

Key Learning Build structures with increasing independence.

Begin to demonstrate a growing understanding of how to strengthen frames using diagonal struts and how to reinforce their finished product.

Know and use technical vocabulary relevant to the project.

In Year 2, you learnt;

- How to make freestanding structures stronger, stiffer and more stable.
- How to use some technical vocabulary relevant to your D&T project.

Overview - Structures

Structures are things that are built for a purpose.

A frame is a rigid support structure that gives shape and forms support for its parts. The word rigid means stiff, not bending or changing shape. Every building, vehicle, and piece of furniture has a frame structure. You can make a shape stronger by putting an extra piece in place; diagonally from one corner to the opposite. This extra diagonal piece is called a strut.



