



St Michael's CE Primary School

DT Progression in Vocabulary

2026-2027

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	Structures	Mechanisms	Cooking and Nutrition	Textiles	Digital World	Electrical Systems
Nursery	Build, Make, Blocks, Stack, Join, Materials, Choose, Plan, Tools, Cut, Glue, Stick	Push, Pull, Turn, Press, Lift, Move, Button, Knob	Food, Cook, Bake, Mix, Ingredients, Spoon, Bowl, Wash	Thread, Through, Pull, Cut, Soft, Rough, Smooth, Texture		
Reception	Waterproof, material, absorb, leak, wet, dry, prediction, variable, fair test, experiment, investigation, prediction, experiment, investigation, float, sink, boat, cruise ship, fishing boat, kayak, ocean liner, pirate ship, ship, watercraft, waterproof, sail, anchor, hull, mast, rudder, helm, poop deck, deck, crow's nest, watercraft, junk, reeds,		Seeds, roots, leaves, stem, plant, flower, bud, juicy, sweet, sour, dry, wet, bitter, chewy, pumpkin, heavy, bumpy, rough, smooth, hard, spiky big, huge, orange, soft, seedy, squashy stringy, slimy, squelchy, hollow, carrot, sweetcorn, garlic, onion, potato, leek, spinach, peas, butternut squash, broccoli, safety, knife, blade, sharp, tool, edge, handle, chop, slice, cut,	Thread, weave, pinch, push, pull, through, under, over, up, down, pattern, back, front, sew, sewing needle, wool, hessian, bookmark, embroider, Victorian, design, reflect, evaluate, think		



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			saucepan, blender, chopping board, hob, boil, blend, mix, soup, creamy, watery, delicious, packaging, tin, carton, pouch, lidded cup, barcode, ingredients, metal, plastic, recyclable, reusable			
Year 1	Base, stable, unstable, narrow, structure, wide, Freestanding, height, tower, Better, compare, weight, worse, Design, user, dislike, product, like, Cut, even, explain, join		Fruit, seed, plant, Bush, root, stem, vegetable, leaf, soil, tree, vine, Chopping board, fork, juicer, cut, juice, table knife, Flavour, taste, select, Blend, blender, ingredients, recipe	Even, thread, fabric, weave, Needle, space, straight line, safety, stitch, tools, Design, sketch, Choose, texture, Feedback, like		
Year 2	Chair, design criteria, user, design brief, purpose, Curved, strength, weak, shape, strong, Flexible, stiff, thinner, material, thicker, Join,	Lever, pivot, mechanism, Curved, rotate, direction, Material, purpose, select, Evaluate, label	Carbohydrates, fruit, proteins, vegetables, dairy, oils, spreads, Balanced, diet, menu, Chopping board, grate, scissors, spread, cut, grater, snip, table knife,			

	measure, select, Evaluate, improve		Combination, fee, taste, design brief, smell, Design, ingredients, appearance, review, evaluate			
Year 3	Form, net, three- dimensional, Accurate, sustainable, computer-aided design (CAD), Feedback, tab, Reinforce, strengthen, shell structure, Function		Arid, country, mountain, temperate, weather, climate, Mediterranean, polar, tropical, import, seasons, export, seasonal, Cut, snip, peel, Fruit, texture, ingredients, taste, vegetable, Complementary, mock-up, design, Appearance, evaluate	Applique, embellish, patch, thread, cross- stitch, fabric, running stitch, Ancient Egypt, pharaohs, template, unique, asymmetrical, symmetrical, uekh/wesekh, Cotton, polyester, silk, pinking		
Year 4		Distance, inclined plane, Biodegradable, exploded diagram, recycled, sustainable, durable, non- renewable, renewable,		Fabric, fastening, fix, needle eye, needle, thread		Battery, buzzer, circuit diagram, electricity, insulator, switch, bulb, conductor, electrical item, electronic item, series circuit, wire, Component, evaluation, shape,

		Absorbent, rigid, flexible, waterproof, Cost-benefit analysis, market research, design criteria, problem statement, Feedback, target audience				torch, design criteria, LED (light emitting diode), target audience, design, Assemble, model, test
Year 5	Arch bridge, corrugation, rigid, beam bridge, lamination, Factors, stability, joint, truss bridge, Assemble, hardwood, mark out, set square, tenon saw/coping saw, bench hook/vice, material properties, sandpaper, softwood, Accuracy, quality of finish, evaluate, reinforce		Abattoir, farm, process, beef, ingredients, Adaptation, enhance, preference, justify, nutritional value, evaluate, nutrient, Cook, cut, grate, measure, safety, cross-contamination, equipment, hygiene, pressBrand, design, theme, label, Balanced, nutrition, recipe		Design criteria, device, monitor, sensor, design brief, electronic, monitoring device, thermometer, Alert, Boolean, programming comment, variable, ambient, loop, value, Model, plastic pollution, synthetic, plastic, sustainability, versatile, CAD, ungroup, group, Tinkercad, workplane	
Year 6		Benefit, fit for purpose, function, research, fine motor			Application (app), compass, equipment,	Accurate, bench hook, design brief, automata,

		skills, form, gross motor skills, user, Buzzer, copper, electricity, side view drawing, circuit, design criteria, net, top view drawing, Assemble, tabs, stable, bulb, switch, battery, pliers, test			navigation, smart, tablet, client, design criteria, GPS tracker, pedometer, smartphone, Boolean, duplicate, if statement, program, variable, copy, function, loop value, Biodegradable, corrode, finite, infinite, materials, non-recyclable, product lifespan, sustainable, unsustainable design, concept, environmentally friendly, functional properties, lightweight, mouldable, product lifecycle, recyclable, sustainable design, 3D model, CGI, group, opaque, shape properties, transparent, virtual, CAD, consumables,	component, design criteria, Communication, diagram, visual, designer, exploded diagram, Axle, cam profile, dowel, mechanism, cam, cross-sectional diagram, follower, Evaluate, function, storefront, form, housing
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					manoeuvre, replica, Tinkercad, ungroup, workplane, Convince, functional, manufacture, pitch, feature, investment, model, stock	
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