

Spindle Point DT Progression of Technical Vocabulary

EYFS Continuous Vocabulary*	
Chop	Label
Cut	Pattern
Fork	Push
Fruit	Spoon
Healthy	Stick
Knife	Thread
Knot	Weave

Key Stage 1 & 2 Continuous Vocabulary*	
Consumer	Make
Criteria	Products
Design	Technology
Evaluate	User

Year 1 – Textiles	Year 1 – Mechanisms	Year 1 – Food
Decorate Eye Fabric Needle Running stitch Seamstress Stencil Template Thread	Assemble Engineer Lever Mechanism Model Scissors Sliders Split pin	Compare Chop Cross-sectional diagram Cut Flavour Fruit Root Sandwich Seed Smoothie Vegetables

Year 2 – Textiles	Year 2 – Structures	Year 2 – Food
Existing products Joining technique Knot Label Pattern Running stitch Thimble	Butt joint Frame Glue Joint Manmade Natural Structures Prototype Saw Stable Stiff Strengthen Strong Structure	Annotate Appearance Balanced Boil Bread Bread knife Diet Healthy Ladle Pan Sketch Smell Soup Soup spoon Varied

Year 3 – Mechanisms	Year 3– Digital	Year 3 – Food
Annotate Criteria Function Hinges Linkage Mechanic Motion Pivot Pneumatic system	Debug Digital Digital revolution Focus group Loop Micro:Bit Pedometer Smart Simulator	Complementary Bridge method British Lion stamp Eggs Foods Standards Agency Free-range Frying pan Dressing

Thumb-nail sketch		Salad Season Seasonal Texture Tortilla Whisk
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Year 4 – Electronic systems	Year 4 - Mechanisms	Year 4 – Food
CAD Circuit component Electrical product Electrical system Exploded diagram Initial ideas Mount	Aesthetic Cam Chassis Dowel Durable Exploded diagram Glue gun Inventor Linear motion Linkages Market research Rotary motion Specification	Deep-fried Filling Processed Rolled taco Savoury Shallow-fried Slated spoon Taquito

Year 5 – Textiles	Year 5 - Structures	Year 5 – Food
Bobbin Feed dog Pattern	Abutment Arched bridge Architect	Caught Construct Dice

Seam allowance Sewing machine Spool Tote bag	Beam bridge Gears Pulleys Reinforce Suspension bridge Truss bridge	Fish Hygiene Market Paella Salty Simmer Sustainable Welfare
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Year 6 – Electronic Systems	Year 6 – Electrical Systems	Year 6 – Food
Assemble Benefit Fine motor skills Function Gross motor skills Electrical engineer Net Prototype Purpose Tabs User	Alert Ambient Device Interface Sensor Thermometer Versatile Workplane	Bitter Chef Reared Salty Sour Sweet Tapas Umami

*also recorded in the first year group to specifically use the vocabulary.