Year 1 DT Windmills

Key Skills

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- 1. To selecting from a variety of tools and materials to cut, join and finish.
- 2. To explore structures and seeing how they can be made stronger/stiffer.
- 3. To explore and using mechanisms (axles).
- 4. To test and evaluate to see if improvement is needed.
- 5. To design with a client's preferences in mind.

Vocab/Key Words

Client— the person you are designing it for.

Design-to make, draw or design plans for something.

Design criteria- - a set of rules to help you design something and test your ideas out.

Evaluation— when you look at the good and bad points about something and try to improve it.

Net— A flat 2D shape that can become a 3D shape once assembled.

Stable-does not easily topple over.

Strong —It doesn't easily break.

Structure- Something that has been made and put together. E.g. building, bridge, etc.



Respect, Believe, Achieve

Previous Learning

- ◆Exploration of 3D shapes and building stable structures (Year R)
- ◆Cutting skills and use of glue (Year R)

Key Knowledge

- A windmill is a structure that has a turbine/sails that are moved by the wind.
- Windmills need a strong and stable structure to work.
 They also need an axle so the turbine/sails move smoothly.
- The windmill should be designed with the client in mind.

Vocab/Key Words con'd

Test- to find out if something woks as it should.

Weak- It breaks easily.

Windmill-A structure with sails that are moved by the wind.

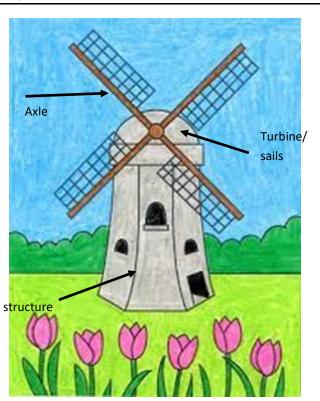
Axle - The point from which the turbine or sails move.

Windmill structure— The part that makes the windmill stand up.

Windmill turbine-The parts that move in the wind.

Websites/Signposting/Connection to a famous person

Professor James Blyth



What I will know/be able to do by the end

- I can explain what a windmill is.
- I can name and label the three main parts of a windmill.
- I can describe the purpose of 'structures'.
- I understand what a 'net' is.
- I understand the importance of clear success criteria.
- I will be able to make my structure 'stable'.
- I know that axles are used in mechanisms to make them turn in a circle.
- I can test and evaluate my windmill to see if it needs improvement/change.









My windmill should stand up on its own.

My windmill should be decorated for its owner.

My windmill should have three parts.

My windmill should turn in the wind.

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