

Year 5 - Tents

Concepts



Finding out about what already exists and how things work



Using a range of skills and tools to design and make



Evaluate success of own and others' design

Evaluate

In previous D&T units, the children have created a shelter for insects as well as using a range of tools to cut and join materials together. This topic gives them the opportunity to develop these skills by designing a shelter that would provide safety in the desert. They will need to use their knowledge of the climate, materials and how to make a secure structure in order to design and make a prototype. This will support future learning in Year 6, where the design and make a shelter to withstand an impact.

National Curriculum

- I can use my research into existing products and my market research to inform the design of my innovative product
- I can create prototypes to show my ideas
- I can make careful and precise measurements so that joins, holes and openings are in exactly the right place
- I can produce step by step plans to guide my making, demonstrate that I can apply my knowledge of different materials, tools and techniques
- I can make detailed evaluations about existing products and my own considering the views of others to improve my work
- I can build more complex 3D structures and apply my knowledge of strengthening techniques to make them stronger or more stable

Learning Overview

- Research the design of a number of different tents
- Consider the uses of different types of tents
- Evaluate how the design of the tents vary with accordance of the purpose of the tent
- Research the ways in which people protect themselves in the desert at night
- Learn about nomads and the resources they use in the desert
- Evaluate suitable materials which could be used in the night to create a shelter
- Consider the structure of the shelter, ensuring it will stay standing
- Make a prototype for a shelter to be used in the desert, using appropriate tools, materials and techniques
- Evaluate end product against the design criteria