

Vocabulary Progression for Design and Technology 2026-2027

To note:

Due to the unique nature of the structure of classes each year at Martlesham Primary Academy, children may be exposed to vocabulary in a year prior or year after their own year group. This is due to the need for mixed-aged classes within the school. The vocabulary in italics is that which has been covered last year/next year for these children.

EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
attach	adult supervision	<i>attractive</i>	automaton toy	annotate	actuator	appliance
build	appearance	<i>brand</i>	bench hook	<i>cell</i>	analysis	blanket stitch
create	axle	<i>decorative</i>	boil	chemicals	architecture	concertina
cut	change	diagram	calcium	<i>circuit</i>	compress	constructive feedback
design	chassis	diet	cam	compound machine	entablature	cross-sectional diagram
detail	chop	equipment	carbohydrate	<i>conductive</i>	frieze	debug
explain	compare	evaluate	component	durable	iterative process	dough
fruit	construction	<i>explore</i>	dairy	<i>embellishment</i>	kilocalorie	engineer
fruit names	criteria	<i>feature</i>	diagonal strut	<i>fraying</i>	lintel	environmental variable
glue	different	force	dice	<i>fulcrum</i>	mineral	fertiliser
grow	fabric	<i>hardwearing</i>	dimension	<i>hem</i>	pediment	knead
improve	function	<i>inspire</i>	dowel	<i>inclined plane</i>	piston	organic
instructions	grate	<i>lever</i>	fibre	modification	plunger	pesticide
join	healthy	<i>linkage</i>	grill	<i>pasteurisation</i>	pneumatics	processed
measure	hygiene	machine	hacksaw	<i>pickling</i>	puree	prove
safety	ingredient	mechanism	hob	<i>preservation</i>	saturated fat	tack
stick	label	<i>method</i>	loom	prototype	sauté	
tools	mash	motion	nutrient	review	seasonality	
vegetable	material	needle	protein	<i>sensor</i>	simmer	
vegetable names	measure	<i>pivot</i>	quality	<i>series</i>	technique	
	model	preparation	reflect	<i>synthetic</i>		
	peel	<i>property</i>	suitability	<i>versatile</i>		
	permanent	pulse	warp			
	plan	running stitch	weave			
	product	sew	weft			
	purpose	<i>slider</i>	vitamin			

	shelter	source				
	similar	stable				
	slice	stiff				
	<i>stem</i>	success				
	stitch	thread				
	strong	vegan				
	structure	vegetarian				
	<i>tear</i>	<i>vintage</i>				
	temporary					
	test					
	transport					
	weak					
	weigh					