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Subject: DT

Year group: 2

Term: Autumn

Unit name: Mechanisms- wheels and axles

Prior Knowledge -

Assembled vehicles with moving wheels using construction kits.

- Explored moving vehicles through play.
- Gained some experience of designing, making and evaluating products for a specified user and purpose.
- Developed some cutting, joining and finishing skills with card.

Spiritual Development

2PE 1:12 Therefore, I will always be ready to remind you of these things, even though you already know them, and have been established in the truth which is present with you.

National curriculum:

- Explore and use mechanisms [for example, levers, sliders, wheels and axles], in their products.
- Make- select from and use a wide range of materials and components, including construction materials, textiles and ingredients, according to their characteristics.

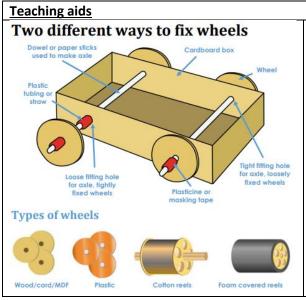
Key vocabulary	
Vehicle	free
Wheel	moving
Axle	mechanism
axle holder	names of tools
chassis	equipment and materials
body	used
cab	design
assembling	make
cutting	evaluate
joining	purpose
shaping	user
finishing	criteria
fixed	functional

Design Process
Investigative and Evaluative Activities (IEAs)
Focused Tasks (FTs)
Design, Make and Evaluate Assignment (DMEA)



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Ways to hold moving axles

Use **pairs of clothes pegs** glued with PVA to the underside of a box.

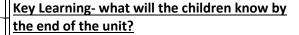
Check the peg holes are large enough to allow axles to move freely.

Make sure they are aligned carefully so the vehicle moves in a straight line when the wheel and axle mechanism is added.

Use **card triangles** with holes for the axle. Check the holes are large enough to allow the axle to move freely.

Make sure opposite triangles are aligned carefully so the vehicle moves in a straight line when the wheel and axle mechanism is added.

Use large paper/plastic straws fixed with masking tape to the underside of a box. Check straws are positioned carefully so the vehicle will move in a straight line when the wheel and axle mechanisms are added. Make sure the straw hole is large enough to allow the axle to move freely. The wheels must be fixed tightly to the axle.



To be able to explore and evaluate a range of wheeled products such as toys and everyday objects, focusing on how wheels and axles are used in daily life, the number, size, position and methods of fixing wheels and axles.

Children can draw an example of a wheeled product, stating the user and purpose, and labelling the main parts e.g. body, chassis, wheels, axles and axle holders.

Using construction kits with wheels and axles, ask children to make a product that moves.

Children can identify fixed axles and free axles (can be identified within construction lesson and diagrams)

Children are aware of different ways of making axle holders and know about the importance of making sure the axles run freely within the holders. They can join materials and components correctly.

To be able to add finishing techniques to their product with reference to their design ideas and criteria- incorporating ICT where possible-clip art, word art etc.