



## Design Technology at Tenacres



### Intent

At Tenacres our Design Technology curriculum is designed to:

- Provide children with the chance to explore a range of ideas, tools and media.
- Encourage children to learn within meaningful, relevant contexts by ensuring it is embedded within topics. (e.g. EYFS – during The Three Billy Goats topic the children had to create a bridge for the goats, thinking about the strongest/ best materials. The children had to evaluate and talk about how they could make their bridges stronger/ fit for purpose.)
- Encourage children to be creative when designing a product, but also teach them to consider the consumer and the products purpose.
- Encourage children to be critical when evaluating their products and the products of others and help them to find ways to improve.
- Provide children with opportunities to work with a range of tools, joining resources and materials.
- Ensure children learn about the importance of health and safety when using tools.
  - Let children create!
- Teach children the importance of health and safety when working with food and cooking appliances.
- Ensure, as a school, that we are building on the children’s previous skills, not repeating them.
- Enthuse children when starting a new project. Give them a purpose and put it into a context. Make the children the ‘experts!’

