Input is the motion used to start a mechanism. Output is the motion that happens as a result of the input.



Think of a see-saw, when you sit on your side of the see-saw (input) your friend goes up on the other side. (output)

Did you know?

That's over 300 years ago!

pop-up author in the 1800s.



Lothar Meggendorfer was a well-known

Y5—Mechanical Systems—Pop up book



What I will know:

- Use research and develop design criteria to inform the design of innovative, functional, appealing products that are fit for purpose, aimed at particular individuals or groups.
- Generate, develop, model and communicate their ideas through discussion, annotated sketches, cross-sectional and exploded diagrams, prototypes, pattern pieces and computer-aided design.
- Investigate and analyse a range of existing products.
- Evaluate their ideas and products against their own design criteria and consider the views of others to improve their work.
- Apply their understanding of how to strengthen, stiffen and reinforce more complex structures.
- Understand and use mechanical systems in their products [for example, gears, pulleys, cams, levers and linkages.

What I already know:

- I will know that an input is the motion used to start a mechanism and an output is the motion that happens as a result of starting the input.
- I will know that structures use the movement of the pages to work.
- I will know that mechanisms control movement.
- I will know how to design a book made up of a front cover and four pages and include a mixture of structures and mechanisms within it.
- I will know how to make mechanisms and/or structures as detailed in my design template by using sliders, pivots and folds to produce movement.
- I will know how to complete the mechanisms and structures as detailed in my design template.
- I will be able to make my book look neater and more attractive by using layers using spacers to hide relevant parts of my mechanisms.

Vocabulary

CAD—computer aided design. To use the computer to design a product, diagram or drawing.

Caption—A short piece of writing under a picture that describes or explains the picture.

Design—To make, draw or write plans for something.

Design brief—A description of what you are going to design and make and how it will work.

Design criteria—To help designers to focus their ideas and test the success of them.

Function — How an object or product operates or works.

Input—Input is the motion used to start a mechanism.

Linkage—A set of bars linked to form a mechanism.

Mechanism—A system of parts working together.

Motion—The movement of an object.

Prototype—A simple model that lets you test our your idea showing how it will work.

Sliders—A part of a mechanism which allows an object to move from side to side.