

system.

Year 5 DT Spr 2 Gears and Pulleys

## **Key Facts Artists/sculptures/styles** Mechanisms are all around us. A set of related mechanisms used In order for the vehicle to move, it is essential that the mechanical system is planned to create movement is called a mechanical system. effectively, and include an input, a process, and an output. -Gears are toothed wheels (cogs) that lock together and turn one another. When one gear is turned the other turns as well. Motor spindles can attach the motor to the gears/pulley system (process)., which in turn propels the axles and/or wheels to move the vehicle forwards/ backwards (output). The wheels are usually different sizes, so that one gear speeds up to slow down the Famous engineers next gear. They therefore increase the Archimedes power of a turning force. Isambard Kingdom Brunel Leonardo Da Vinci -Pulleys are like gears, but the wheels do not George Stephenson lock together. The wheels are instead joined together by a drive belt. Pulleys can be used to affect the speed, direction or force of a movement. Books for support/ **Prior Learning: Key Learning:**

<u>Chassis</u> , Axle, Wheels
-You will need to draw on your prior knowledge of chassis, axle
and wheel systems. The chassis is the frame or base on which the
vehicle is built. The chassis should include axle holders. Your axle
needs to be strong enough to hold the wheels, and fit freely in
the axle holder. Consider the materials of your wheels
Gears and Pulleys
-The vehicle can run using either a gear or pulley mechanical

-In either case, you need to understand the ratio (how often

larger wheels turn in relation to smaller pulleys). With gears, this

can be done by counting the number of teeth

Looking at ready made objects, designing their own using specific features and techniques.

Enrichment Opportunities:

As a part of the design process, you should be able to sketch and annotate different ideas. You should also be able to plan the main stages of making, using either a checklist, a storyboard, or a flowchart.

Subject Specific Vocabulary		
Key word	Definition	
Mechanism	The parts that make something work <u>.</u>	
Mechanical System	To include an input, a process, and an output.	
Gear	Gears are toothed wheels (cogs) that lock together and turn one another	
Pulley	Pulleys are like gears, but the wheels do not lock together	
Lever	A stiff bar which moves around a pivot.	
Cogs	Any teeth on the rim of a gear wheel	
Force	A push or a pull, a change in state of motion	
Driver	A part that transmits force	