STEAM Year 8 Gravity Racer Overview

You will

- Apply basic programming skills using Microbit as a control device.
- Manufacture accurately from a drawing.
- Work iteratively to improve a design optimising to best fit a brief.

STEAM SKILLS

- Creativity
- Accuracy
- Using failure to learn and grow

Lesson Overview

During workshop sessions:

- Understand drawing conventions and annotations, visualising a 3D object from a 2D drawing.
- 2. Manufacture of wooden parts using workshop tools.
- 3. Assembly of wooden parts and adjustment for tracking.
- 4. Testing and modifications of a design.
- 5. Racing, and evaluation of a product.

During computing sessions:

- 1. CAD design your wheels and send to technician for cutting.
- 2. Program and test the servo movement using the remote control.
- 3. Assemble the circuit for your racer
- 4. Design your 'bling' for the racer and add to your circuit as required.
- 5. Testing of the full system on the racer.
- 6. Design and make any modifications needed.

Key Words

Diameter: width of a circle, straight line distance from one point on the circumference to another passing through the centre.

Radius: Straight line distance from the centre of a circle to the circumference. Half the diameter.

Servo: A controlled motor which turns through an angle.

Coding: To write a computer code for a program.

Friction: A force, opposing the movement, due to rubbing two surfaces together.

Tracking: The alignment of a pair of wheels which face the same direction.

Suggested reading or support available

Cross curricular

Forces and motion (science)

Measurements and parts of a circle (Maths)

SMSC

Re-use and recycle sustainability Sustainable transportation **Literacy links**

Written analysis,

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| | SUCCESS CRITERIA Highlight your starting point for each skill in PINK, at the end of the project highlight where you | | |
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| | think you got to in BLUE . | | |
| Grade Range | Creativity | Accuracy | Using failure to learn and grow |
| 0 | I presented no work. | I presented no work. | I presented no work. |
| 1 | WWW: I can develop some ideas using existing examples and try to make my own changes to them. | WWW: I have tried to complete the task with some success. | WWW: I can identify some basic errors and mistakes with my work. |
| | EBI: I need to make my designs my more my own and try to bring something new into them. | EBI: I need to try and take more time and care with my work to avoid mistakes. | EBI: I need to reflect more on my mistakes and try to not repeat them. |
| 4 | WWW: I can develop and show some fresh ideas and my examples are mostly developed by myself. EBI: I need to use other people's examples and ideas more for inspiration than copying and | WWW: I have completed the task with reasonable accuracy and have created a successful piece of work EBI: I need to make sure I have planned and prepared my work beforehand and take more care | WWW: I can identify some issues and mistakes and overcome them. I can reflect on the causes of mistakes and see why they happened. EBI: I need to think more carefully about past experiences\mistakes so that I |
| 6 | develop my own style. | to avoid errors. | do not make the same mistake again. |
| 6 | WWW: I use examples only as a start point and can develop numerous different options from there. My final ideas clearly show my own personality and style. | WWW: I have consistently completed tasks with care and with few mistakes resulting in a successful piece of work. | WWW: I managed to independently identify and fix issues and mistakes. EBI: I should refer to my past |
| | EBI: I need to try and produce alternative unique ideas that accurately meet the design requirements. | EBI: I need to ensure my work is planned and prepared thoroughly to ensure I can complete a task without any errors. | errors (looking at my past work) and attempt to resolve potential mistakes at the design stages. |
| 8 | WWW: I can develop multiple new ideas and options that accurately meet the design requirements. My solutions are highly innovative, unique and purposeful. | WWW: I always complete the tasks with a high level of precision and accuracy and have produced a quality outcome which is both functional and elegant. EBI I should consider ways of producing every part of my work to a consistently high quality. | WWW: I can shown and explain, using previous issues and mistakes, why my work or solutions will be more likely to succeed than in previous efforts. EBI: When testing a problem, I need to make sure that I also try to prove something doesn't work as well as what does work to gain a better understanding. |