Subject	Design Technology
Unit/Topic	Year 8 – Designer Lantern (Material Properties)

Key Vocabulary	Definition
Absorbent	Material soaks up liquid easily.
Conductive (thermal)	A material or device that allows heat to pass through it.
Elasticity	Ability to return to its original shape, size, and condition after it has been stretched.
Function	The intended purpose of something, to do a specific role
Insulator (thermal)	A material or device that prevents heat from passing through it.
Lightweight	Weighs less than most other things of the same type.
Malleable	Able to be worked, hammered or shaped under pressure or blows without breaking.
Opaque	An object or substance that you cannot see through.
Properties	The way something (a material, substance or object) behaves under particular conditions.
Recyclable	Waste or materials can be processed and used again.
Toughness	The ability to withstand force without breaking
Transparent	An object or substance that you can see through.
Waterproof	Does not let water (liquids) pass through it.