DT: Greenhouses

frame

gaps within frame filled

with less stable materials

<u>Key vocabulary</u>	
Greenhouse	A building in which plants (including flowers, fruit and vegetables) that need protection from cold weather are grown.
Stable	Steady, strong and safe. It is not likely to collapse or fall over.
Transparent	A material that can be seen through clearly.
Ventilation	Allowing fresh air to enter and flow around a room.

A stable structure

The shape of a structure and the materials it is made from affect its stability.

- The weight of the structure needs to be evenly spread on the base for it to be stable.
- The wider the base of the structure, the more stable it will be.
- ■The **frame** of the structure needs to be strong to stop it from collapsing.

Sunlight shines through the transparent material and warms the air and plants inside.

The glass or plastic traps the heat inside, so it stays warm throughout the day.

Sometimes a greenhouse may become too hot, so it is important to be able to **ventilate** it when needed. This one has a door which can be opened.

Structural shapes







