

## 17.- TECHNOLOGY TEACHER

If you looked at a book like this, like the one some of your classmates carry with them, you would read that technology is defined as “the collection of knowledge, capabilities and techniques which, when applied in a co-ordinated way, allows the human being to satisfy his needs or to solve his problems”.

And, how can I make myself clear? Well, we’ll try to understand what we human beings have created in order to live our lives a little better. In other words, what we benefit from in our environment, what knowledge we have to create those objects, or even what manual skills we have to make them.

And this...you’ll think that maybe you cannot design or create anything; that is not true. You’ll see that, in this subject, you can develop your imagination incredibly, because your teacher will say to you: “Let’s see, for example, start a board game to play with your friends”. Afterwards, you’ll start to think..., “Let’s see, what shall I do? What can I do?” Then, you will realize that you already know some, and then you’ll start to design: but, you are used to, for sure, doing things better spontaneously without thinking about them much.

In this subject, we’ll do our best so that you learn a methodology. A methodology is simply an ordered working system: first, you’ll think about what you already know; then, you’ll design something – particularly good if you draw it, then you’ll think about your own ideas and you’ll draw them. Other people will notice these little things, and they’ll be able to help you.

From this time on, you’ll think: “Ok, this is my idea. It could be very beautiful but how am I going to build it?” Then, you’ll have to decide what steps to follow, how to draw it, which material to use, whether you’ll have to reshape it or not, or maybe cut it again a bit better, paint it, or decorate it. This is the reason why you should first organize your ideas: later, when you work on them, they’ll turn out much better.

If I talk to you about computers, you will for sure remember how to chat on the Internet, or how to download music – this is almost certain. You may not have a computer at home, and, then, I should say that this is not necessary: you’ll have one at school, and you’ll learn not only how to do those things, which are the things you always do, but you will also learn how to make the best of technology. PC technology is so handy that we can use it for other things: to present your work in a better way, to search for information – because sometimes we need more than the closeby books can offer. And, for example, sometimes, you, coming from another country, can make good use of it by communicating with other people from your country in an easier way, and you don’t need to have a PC. Don’t worry if you don’t have one: there are many boys and girls over here who don’t either.

I don’t know...if I were at your side now, I would ask you whether you wanted to ask something: I can say it to you anyway. Well, I hope that either your teacher or one of your classmates can answer it for you. I hope you will enjoy this subject. I think it is both entertaining and useful, especially looking at the future and when you start working.