Lunt's Heath Primary School - Design and Technology Knowledge Organiser

Electrical Systems

Simple Circuits and Switches

Year 4

Term: Spring 2

What? (Key Knowledge)

Prior Learning

- Constructed a simple series electrical circuit in science, using bulbs, switches and buzzers.
- Cut and joined a variety of construction materials, such as wood, card, plastic, reclaimed materials and glue.

Designing

- Gather information about needs and wants, and develop design criteria to inform the design of products that are fit for purpose, aimed at particular individuals or groups.
- Generate, develop, model and communicate realistic ideas through discussion and, as appropriate, annotated sketches, cross-sectional and exploded diagrams.

Making

- Order the main stages of making.
- Select from and use tools and equipment to cut, shape, join and finish with some accuracy.
- Select from and use materials and components, including construction materials and electrical components according to their functional properties and aesthetic qualities.

Evaluating

- Investigate and analyse a range of existing batterypowered products.
- Evaluate their ideas and products against their own design criteria and identify the strengths and areas for improvement in their work

Technical knowledge and understanding

- Understand and use electrical systems in their products, such as series circuits incorporating switches, bulbs and buzzers.
- Apply their understanding of computing to program and control their products.
- -Know and use technical vocabulary relevant to the project.

Possible Experiences

Design, make and evaluate a nightlight for a toddler.





Focus on design, colour, appeal.

What is interesting to a toddler?

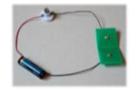


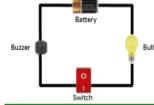
What is the purpose of a nightlight?

| What? (Key Vocabulary) | |
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| Spelling | Definition/Sentence |
| Circuit | path through which electricity passes. |
| Conductor | a material which allows an electric |
| | current to pass through it |
| Insulator | a material which does not easily allow |
| | electric current to pass through it. |
| Output | components that produce an outcome |
| | e.g. bulbs and buzzers. |
| Input | components that are used to control an |
| | electrical circuit e.g. switches. |
| System | a set of related parts or components |
| | that together achieve a desired |
| | outcome. |

Diagrams and Symbols

A series circuit (One pathway around the circuit). Electricity can flow through the components in a complete electrical circuit.





Handmade Switches

