## Science Progression of Skills and Knowledge Electricity

Key to understanding this document: Black = National Curriculum objectives Red = Knowledge/Skills to be taught Green = Resources to be used

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Area of	<u>E</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Year 4</u>	<u>Year 5</u>	<u>Year 6</u>
<u>Learning</u>	EI YI FI SI	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>			
Electricity			13-13-13-13-13-14-17-13-15	ANG DEST YOU	Working scientifically: Gathering, recording, classifying and presenting data to answer questions. E1: Identify common appliances that run on electricity. Children go on an electricity hunt/ or shown images etc. Children then must group (sorting and classifying) these appliances into changes light, changes heat, changes sound or changes movement.  Working scientifically: Setting up simple practical enquiries. Record findings using labelled diagrams. Using results to draw conclusions and make predictions for new values. E2: Construct a simple series electrical circuit, identifying		simple circuit in a diagram. Children will have cards with symbols on the back and they have to test each other on the symbol. Then the children could have circuit diagrams and photographs of that circuit and they have to spot the mistake. On your classroom display make sure you have symbols that the children already know and symbols they are learning so differentiate between Year 4 and Year 6.  Working scientifically: Identifying scientific evidence that has been used to support or refute ideas or arguments. Using test results to make predictions to set up further comparative and fair tests. Reporting and presenting findings from enquiries, including conclusions, causal relationships and explanations of and degree of trust in results, in oral and written forms such as displays and other presentations  E2To be able to associate the brightness of a lamp or the volume of a buzzer with the number and voltage of cells used in the circuit.  Begin by asking the children to build a simple circuit ( recap from Year 4 ) Then ask the question "How will the number of cells

and naming its basic parts, including cells, wires, bulbs, switches and buzzers. Children must construct a simple series circuit. Children to draw and label the circuit in their book. Discus what happens when certain aspects of the circuit are removed. Challenge pupils by - problem solving opportunities where they must fix circuits which are not complete. What is missing? Etc Children could be given a range of circuits they must then predict which ones they think will work/ not work and why.

Working scientifically:
Setting up simple practical
enquiries.
Reporting on findings from
enquiries, including oral or
written explanations. Using
straightforward scientific
evidence to answer questions
to support findings.

affect the bulb? Then allow the children to investigate what happens and then add buzzers to see how the sound changes. Working Scientifically

Planning different types of scientific enquiries to answer questions, including recognising and controlling variables where necessary.

Taking measurements, using a range of scientific equipment, with increasing.

Reporting and presenting findings from enquiries, including conclusions, causal relationships and explanations of and degree of trust in results, in oral and written forms such as displays and other presentations

E4.To be able to compare and give reasons for variations in how components function, including the brightness of bulbs, the loudness of buzzers and the on/off position of switches.

First, ask the children (in small groups of 3) to list the variables that they think might affect the brightness of the bulb. Secondly, list the ways by which they could measure or observe the brightness of the bulb/s. The children can then choose one of the independent variables (e.g. the number of bulbs) and one of the dependent variables (e.g. brightness of bulb in lux). Placing these two variables together, the children can make their own investigation – e.g. Does the number of bulbs affect the brightness of the bulbs (in lux)?

Ask the children to make a prediction; possibly based on previous observations/measurements.

Vocabulary	Circuit Insulator Conductor Motor	Volts
Key	Bulb Switch Battery Light	Electricity
	can make a switch.	
	effective. As a result children	
	see which are the most	
	investigation to test conductors and insulators to	A CONTRACTOR OF THE PARTY OF TH
	Children to set up	
	good conductors.	
	associate metals with being	
	condu <mark>ctors and i</mark> nsulators, and	The state of the s
	E5: Recognise some common	The second secon
	conclusions.	
	Using results draw simple	
	enquiries.	
	Setting up simple practical	
	Working scientifically:	
	a series circuit.	
	lantern or torch incorporating	
	Children to design and make a	diagrams throughout this topic and when linked to DT Topic.
	a simple series circuit.	The children will use recognised symbols when drawing circuit
	whether or not a lamp lights in	simple circuit in a diagram.
	circuit and associate this with	1000
	switch opens and closes a	E4To be able to use recognised symbols when representing a
	battery. E4: Recognise that a	diagrams and labels.
	part of a complete loop with a	Recording data and results of increasing complexity using scienti
	whether or not the lamp is	Working Scientifically
	lamp will light in a simple series circuit, based on	The children can carry out their investigation.
	E3: Identify whether or not a	The shildren concerns out their investigation

	Series circuit
	Cell
	bulb (lamp),
	bulb (lamp) holder,
CO CONTRACTOR OF THE PARTY OF T	buzzer,
NOT ASSESSED TO	crocodile clip,
	leads,
	wires,
	switch
	brighter,
	duller,
	slow,
	fast,
	quiet,
	Component
<u> </u>	loud
	Conductor,
	insulator
	Resistance
	Light,
	sound,
The second secon	movement,
	heat

			(A	Voltage
Key Resources		Circuit components e.g. – bulb, wires, batteries, motor etc materials to make torch/ lantern .		Circuit components e.g. – bulb, wires, batteries, motor etc, buzzer, range of materials to test, symbol cards

