St John's Primary School: Science knowledge organisers

Year group: Year 6 Science focus: Electricity



Key knowledge:

Electricity		
What is	Electricity is created by generators	
electricity?	powered by gas, coal, oil, wind or	
	solar.	
	Electrical energy can be converted into	
	other types of energy such as light,	
	heat, movement or sound.	
	Electricity is dangerous so we must be	
	careful when using electrical	
	appliances.	
An electrical circuit		
Increasing	The more batteries (cells) that are	
the	used in a circuit, the brighter the bulb	
brightness	or louder the buzzer will be.	
of a bulb or	If one battery (cell) is used, the higher	
volume of a	its voltage, the more powerful the	
buzzer	battery (cell) is.	
	If one battery (cell) is used, the lower	
	its voltage, the less powerful the	
	battery (cell) is.	

Possible experiences:

Set up a circuit and experiment with ways to make the bulbs brighter and buzzers louder.

Design and make a set of traffic lights or burglar alarm.

Identify the effects of changing a component in a circuit.

Key concepts:

Reasoning	Recognising
Comparing	Making links

Key vocabulary:

Generator	A machine that makes electrical
	energy
Component	A part of the circuit
Voltage	A measure of the difference in
	electrical energy between two parts of
	a circuit

