Previous Year: Reception	<u>Current Year: Year 4</u>		<u>Next Year: Year 6</u>
 .Children know about similarities and differences in relation to places, objects, materials and living things. They talk about the features of their own immediate environment and how environments might vary from one another. They make observations of animals and plants and explain why some things occur and talk about changes. 	 Identify common appliances that run on electricity. Construct a simple series electrical circuit, identifying and naming its basic parts, including cells, wires, bulbs, switches and buzzers. Identify whether or not a lamp will light in a simple series circuit, based on whether or not the lamp is part of a complete loop with a battery. 		 Associate the brightness of a lamp or the volume of a buzzer with the number and voltage of cells used in the circuit. 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. Use recognised symbols when memory simple simplify a simplify and simplify and simplify a simplify a simplify and simplify a simpl
<u>How can the learning be applied?</u> Construct a range of circuits.	• Recognise that a switch opens and closes a circuit and associate this with whether or not a lamp lights in a		diagram.
Explore which materials can be used instead of wires to make a circuit. Classify the materials that were	 Recognise some common conductors and insulators, and associate metals with being good conductors. 		<u>Key learning for the topic:</u> Many household devices and appliances run on electricity. Some plug in to the mains
suitable/not suitable for wires.	Learning Values:	Physical	and others run on batteries. An electrical
Explore how to connect a range of different switches and investigate how they function in different ways. Choose switches to add to circuits to	-respect -responsible -resourceful	education links: -	circuit consists of a cell or battery connected to a component using wires. If there is a break in the circuit, a loose connection or a short circuit, the component will not work. A switch can be added to the circuit to turn
solve particular problems, such as a pressure switch for a burglar alarm. •	-resilient		conductors so they can be used as wires in
Apply their knowledge of conductors and insulators to design and make different types of switch. Make circuits that can be controlled as part of a DT project. N.B. Children should	<u>Possible stimulus:</u> Electrical Wizard: How Nikola Tesla Lit Up the World by Peter Brown The Wild Robot by Simon James Overheard in a Tower Block by Joseph		a circuit. Non-metallic solids are insulators except for graphite (pencil lead). Water, if not completely pure, also conducts electricity.

Electricity Progression map Year 4

Make circuits that can be controlled as part of a DT project. N.B. Children should be given one component at a time to add to circuits