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Forton Primary School Design and Technology

Clougha Class
Summer 1
Year A

Key Concept: Electrical Systems

Focus: Simple circuits and switches

Key Question: How does flipping a switch make a light bulb turn on/siren sound?

N.C. LINKS:

When designing and making, pupils should be taught to: **Design**

- use research and develop design criteria to inform the design of innovative, functional, appealing products that are fit for purpose, aimed at particular individuals or groups
- generate, develop, model and communicate their ideas through discussion, annotated sketches, cross-sectional and exploded diagrams, prototypes, pattern pieces and computer-aided design
- **Make**
- select from and use a wider range of tools and equipment to perform practical tasks [for example, cutting, shaping, joining and finishing], accurately
- select from and use a wider range of materials and components, including construction materials, textiles and ingredients, according to their functional properties and aesthetic qualities
- **Evaluate**
- investigate and analyse a range of existing products
- evaluate their ideas and products against their own design criteria and consider the views of others to improve their work
- understand how key events and individuals in design and technology have helped shape the world
- **Technical knowledge**
- apply their understanding of how to strengthen, stiffen and reinforce more complex structures
- understand and use mechanical systems in their products [for example, gears, pulleys, cams, levers and linkages]

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • understand and use electrical systems in their products [for example, series circuits incorporating switches, bulbs, buzzers and motors] • apply their understanding of computing to program, monitor and control their products |
| <p>Unit Overview: To design an electrical circuit to attach to a structure.</p> | <p>Vocabulary:</p> <p>series circuit, fault, connection, toggle switch, push-to-make switch, push-to-break switch, battery, battery holder, bulb, bulb holder, wire, insulator, conductor, crocodile clip</p> |
| <p>Possible Outcome: siren for a toy vehicle reading light noise-making toy nightlight illuminated sign torches table lamp lighting for display hands-free head lamp buzzer for school office</p> | <p>control, program, system, input device, output device</p> <p>user, purpose, function, prototype, design criteria, innovative, appealing, design brief</p> |
| <p>Intended User: themselves younger children older children teenagers parents grandparents friends school general public</p> | |
| <p>. Building on Prior learning KS1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experience of using construction kits to build walls, towers and frameworks. • Experience of using of basic tools e.g. scissors or hole punches with construction materials e.g. plastic, card. | <p>Building on Prior learning when B follow A:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. |

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- Experience of different methods of joining card and paper.

Key Skills (Disciplinary)

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 battery-powered 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.

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Sequence of Lessons:

1. Investigative and Evaluative Activities

- Discuss, investigate and, where practical, disassemble different examples of relevant battery-powered products, including those which are commercially available e.g. *Where and why they are used? How does the product work? What are its key features and components? How does the switch work? Is the product manually controlled or controlled by a computer? What materials have been used and why? How is it suited to its intended user and purpose?*
- Ask children to investigate examples of switches, including those which are commercially available, which work in different ways e.g. push-to-make, push-to-break, toggle switch. Let the children use them in simple circuits e.g. *How might different types of switches be useful in different types of products?*
- Remind children about the dangers of mains electricity.

2. Focused Tasks

- Recap with the children how to make manually controlled, simple series circuits with batteries and different types of switches, bulbs and buzzers. Discuss which of the components in the circuit are input devices e.g. switches, and which are output devices e.g. bulbs and buzzers.
- Demonstrate how to find a fault in a simple circuit and correct it, giving pupils opportunities to practise.
- Use a simple computer control program with an interface box or standalone control box to physically control output devices e.g. bulbs and buzzers.
- Ask the children to make a variety of switches by using simple classroom materials e.g. card, corrugated plastic, aluminium foil, paper fasteners and paper clips. Encourage children to make switches that operate in different ways e.g. when you press them, when you turn them, when you push them from side to side. Ask the children to test their switches in a simple series circuit.
- Teach children how to avoid making short circuits.

3. Design, Make and Evaluate Assignment

- Develop a design brief with the children within a context which is authentic and meaningful.
- Discuss with children the purpose of the battery-powered products that they will be designing and making and who they will be for. Ask the children to generate a range of ideas, encouraging realistic responses. Agree on design criteria that can be used to guide the development and evaluation of the children's products, including safety features.
- Using annotated sketches, cross-sectional and exploded diagrams, as appropriate, ask the children to develop, model and communicate their ideas.

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- Ask the children to consider the main stages in making and testing before assembling high quality products, drawing on the knowledge, understanding and skills learnt through IEAs and FTs.
- Evaluate throughout and the final products against the intended purpose and with the intended user, drawing on the design criteria previously agreed.

Enhancements: N/A

End of Unit Outcome: A working circuit