Knowledge Organiser – Design and Technology



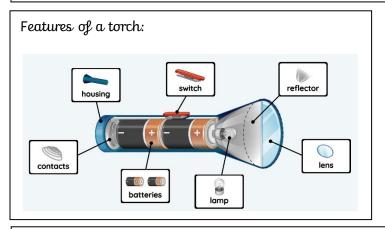
ICT and electrical systems - control and electrical components

What should I already know?

- To know that an electrical circuit must be complete for electricity to flow.
- To know that a switch can be used to complete and break an electrical circuit.

Key Objectives I will learn

- Identify electrical products and explain why they are useful.
- Identify the features of a torch and how it works.
- Describe what makes a torch successful.
- Create suitable designs that fit the success criteria and their own design criteria.
- Create a functioning torch with a switch according to their design criteria.



Aspirational Figure: Ann Makosinski

Ann Makosinski invented a flashlight that never needs batteries — just the heat from your hand.

Ann's "Hollow Flashlight" won her the prize for her age group at the 2013 Google Science Fair.

A friend inspired her life-changing invention as she couldn't study without electricity at night and was failing at school due to this.

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	Key Vocabulary
Battery	Made from two or more cells that provide electrical energy to power a circuit.
Bulb	A part of a circuit made from glass or plastic that gives light when electricity passes through it.
Buzzer	A part of a circuit that makes a buzzing noise when electricity passes through it.
Component	The different parts that make an electrical circuit.
Conductor	A material that allows electricity to flow through it, such as metal.
Design criteria	A set of instructions for the project.
Electrical item	Objects that need electricity to work, such as hair dryers, toasters and kettles.
Electricity	A type of energy that is usually invisible and can be made or stored to make things work, such as moving or heating objects.
Electronic item	Electrical items that have a computer processor inside, such as mobile phones and laptops.
Insulator	A material that does not allow electricity to flow through it, such as plastic.
Series circuit	A closed circuit where the current flows in one path.
Switch	A part of a circuit that can open or close to allow electricity to flow or stop it from flowing, such as a light switch that turns lights on or off.
Test	To find whether something works as it should.
Torch	A battery-powered light than can be carried.
Wire	A thin piece of copper that conducts electricity and connects circuit components together.