Science Focus:		Electricity and Light		Year 6			Autumn Term	
What? (Key Knowledge)				What? (Key Vocabulary)				
Electricity				Spelling	Definition/Sentence			
What is Electricity?	 Electricity is created by generators which can be powered by gas, coal, oil, wind or solar. 			Generator	A machine that make electrical energy			
	• The	electrical energy can be converted		Component A part of something (a part of a circu		ething (a part of a circuit)		
	 Ele 	 into other types of energy such as light, heat, movement or sound. Electricity is dangerous, so be careful when using electrical appliances. 		Voltage	A measure of the difference in electrical energy between two parts of a circuit			
An electrical circuit				Chadaw	A shadow is a dark area where light from a light			
A series circuit (One pathway around the circuit)	00	ctricity can flow through the nponents in a complete electrical		Shadow source is		is blocked by an opaque object.		
	A c suc to end	cuit. ircuit always needs a power source, th as a battery, with wires connected both the positive (+) and negative (-) ds. (A battery is made from a		Refraction	When light travels from air into water, it slows down, causing it to change direction slightly. This change of direction is called refraction.			
	col	ection of cells connected together). cuit can also contain other	Diagrams and Symbols					
	bu:	ctrical components, such as bulbs, zzers or motors, which allow ctricity to pass through.		Electrical Symbols for circuit diagrams				
	• Ele cire has	ricity will only travel around a it that is complete. That means it to gaps.		$-\underbrace{\bigcirc}_{-\underbrace{\frown}} -\underbrace{\frown}_{-\underbrace{\frown}} -\underbrace{-}$ \underbrace{-}				
What is a switch?	cre use • Wł gaj tra • Wł	ate a gap in a circuit. This can be ed to switch it on and off. nen a switch is open (off), there is a o in the circuit. Electricity cannot vel around the circuit. nen a switch is closed (on), it makes e circuit complete. Electricity can vel around the circuit.	Lamp / bulb Motor Switch Cell / battery					
Increasing the brightness of a bulb or	the	 The more cells that are used in a circuit, the brighter the bulb or louder the buzzer. If one cell is used, the higher its voltage, the more powerful the cell is. 		Diagrams and Symbols				
the volume of a buzzer.	• If c			Light				
What? (Key Knowledge)								
Light Sources								
We need light in order to see things. When there is no light we say it is dark.			Above: Light travels directly from the light source (candle flame) to the eye.					
What is a light source?	• A its	ight source is something that makes own light.	g that makes					
		e about light	ę	An No.				
Things you need to know about light	<u> </u>	Light travels in straight lines Light travels extremely fast - 186,282 miles per second (that's like travelling around the world over 7 times in a second)		Q.		H		
	mil arc			Here the light goes form the light source, bounces off the object and into your eyes, so that you see the object.				
	• If s sha	 If something gets in the way of light, a shadow is formed. 		Prior Learning Electricity				
	S	hadows	•	Identify commo	on appliance	es tha	t run on electricity.	
How is a shadow formed?	• W op	hen light from a source is blocked by an aque (solid) object, you get a shadow.	•		•		ame its basic parts Ictors and insulators and associate	
How does the size of the shadow change?	• If	 If an object is moved closer to the light source, the shadow gets bigger. If an object is moved further away from the light source, the shadow gets 		metals with bei				
	• If:			Prior Learning Light				
		naller.	•	Recognise we need light to see things and that light is reflected. Know shadows are formed when light is blocked by an opaque object				
			•	Know shadows a	are formed	when	light is blocked by an opaque object	