

Kindness

Positivity

Respect

SUBJECT MEDIUM TERM PLANNING

Year Group: Year 4

TERM: Autumn 2

Theme: Make a light-up Christmas decoration

National Curriculum: Through a variety of creative and practical activities, pupils should be taught the knowledge, understanding and skills needed to engage in an iterative process of designing and making - understand and use electrical systems in their products [for example, series circuits incorporating switches, bulbs, buzzers and motors]

Context:

In this unit we want children to use their scientific knowledge about electrical circuits to start designing and creating an everyday light-up Christmas decoration. Children will be able to evaluate existing products. They will show that their design meets a range of requirements and that they can assemble, join and combine materials and components with some accuracy.

Concepts:

Design- Begin to create own design criteria that is fit for purpose — a Christmas decoration that lights up when switched on

Make- select appropriate materials and work with some accuracy

Evaluate- use criteria to evaluate product

Vocabulary: circuit, bulb, battery, current, open/closed switch, component, conductor

Prior Knowledge:

D and T skills in Y3 when making a wooden photo frame - working accurately to make cuts and holes, joining materials and combining structures that will hold together.

Future Knowledge: Use a wide range of formal circuit symbols to make and produce diagrams for more complex circuits.

Understand the difference between voltage and current.

Build and use parallel circuits.

End points /by the end of this unit pupils will... (NB Crucial/sticky knowledge is highlighted):

- Understand how to use a simple circuit in a product
- Use a number of components in a circuit
- Use their electrical knowledge to help them design and make a working light-up Christmas decoration
- Evaluate pre-existing light up decorations
- Make and evaluate their own decorations

Learning Objective	Teaching Input/ Activities	Key Questions	Resources
1 Evaluate pre-existing light-up Christmas Decorations	WALL resultants Christmas descrations	What makes a good Christmas decoration? Can you suggest some criteria?	Variety of decorations
2 Design a light-up Christmas decoration	Children decide on a design criteria. Decoration ideas - sketch four options. My Light Up Christmas Decoration Design View (front/back or both) Design Criteria Is the light obvious? Is it easy to turn on and off? Does it stand up well? Is it strong and sturdy? Is it bright and Christmassy? Equipment I will need	What will your design need to be successful? Who is it for? What materials will you need? Why will that be the best material for the job?	
3 -4 Make a light —up Christmas decoration	Children use a variety of skills to create their chosen design.		Cardboard, paper, tissue paper-shiny,

			paper-cellophane, beads / sequins pom- poms cotton wool ribbon paint felt-tip pens pipe cleaners glue / sellotape / masking tape paper clip split pin switch
5 Evaluate your light-up Christmas	Traffic light each of the criteria/peer	Look back at your design criteria.	
decoration	assessment	How successful was your light-up	
		decoration?	
	WALT evaluate a Christmas decoration. I put a traffic light next to my design criteria to show how I felt my	What was successful about your	
	final decoration met it.	design?	
	www:	How could you improve it?	
		What would you change next time if	
		you repeated the process?	
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