

**Year: 4 Program of Study:** Electrical systems – Simple circuits and switches.

**N.C POS:**

- *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 and prototypes.*
- *Select from 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.*
- *Investigate and analyse a range of existing products.*
- *Evaluate their ideas and products against their own design criteria.*
- *Understand and use electrical systems in their products [for example, series circuits incorporating switches, bulbs, buzzers and motors].*

**Concept:** technology, impact, legacy, change, inventions, innovation, application, cause and effect.

**Key Vocabulary:** 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, control, program, system, input device, output device, user, purpose, function, prototype, design criteria, innovative, appealing, design brief.

**Prior Learning:** 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.

**Core Knowledge- non-negotiable**

**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.
- Elect 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.

**Wider Influences**

- Homes
- Travel and holidays
- Cities

## Design and Technology Y4 – Electrical Systems

- Emergency vehicles
- School
- Business
- Enterprise
- Light and dark

### **Enduring 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.