



Shadsworth Junior School



Curriculum

Year 6 Science Scheme of Work

Term: Aut 2

Topic: Science – Light/Electricity

Key Skills and Knowledge:

Light:

Light travels in a straight line.

How we see things

Reflection is when light bounces off a surface - this changes the direction in which the light travels.

Because light travels in straight lines, when there is an opaque object blocking the light, a shadow is formed. These shadows have the same shape as the objects that cast them.

Shadow size changes as light source moves

Plan, carry-out and explain a comparable fair test.

Electricity:

Know how quantities of cells affect outcome of the circuit

Compare variations in circuits and explain differences

Draw electrical symbols to represent circuits

Understand the difference between insulators and conductors.

Plan, carry-out and explain a comparable fair test.

Reading and Writing Opportunities (Long and Short Activities)

Creative Ideas and Hooks

Describe how an electrical circuit works

Plan an investigation

Write an information text

Write an explanation text

Write a short story about the journey of

Light/electricity as a character.

Wow:

Role-play journey of electricity/light in yard.

Use Curious minds

Build a circuit and try to break a bulb.

Links to PSHCE, Equality and British Values Work

Tolerance

Respecting other peoples viewpoints

Key Vocabulary:

circuit, current, cell, components, switches, insulator, conductor, symbols

straight lines, opaque, translucent, transparent, shadows, reflection

Resources Available / Visits/Visitors

Practical equipment

Videos/IWB

Role-play materials

Useful Websites:

<https://www.stem.org.uk/resources/community/collection/12741/year-6-light>

<https://enjoy-teaching.com/science-videos-for-kids/light-energy-videos/>

<https://www.stem.org.uk/resources/community/collection/12390/year-6-electricity>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zj44jxs>

Pre-Learning:

Identify electricity in the home

Make simple circuits

Associate open/closed switches with the lighting of a bulb

Identify basic materials as

conductors/insulators