



Key Concepts	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Prior Learning	Skills						
					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initial experience of using computer control software and an interface box, a standalone box or microcontroller, e.g. Crumble. • Some experience of writing and modifying a program to make a light turn on or flash on and off. • Understanding of the essential characteristics of a series circuit and experience of creating a battery-powered, functional, electrical product.

Designing					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a design specification for a functional product that responds automatically to changes in the environment. • Generate, develop and communicate ideas through discussion, annotated sketches and pictorial representations of electrical circuits or circuit diagrams.
	Making					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Order the main stages of making. • Select 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					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continually evaluate and modify the working features of the product to match the initial design specification. • Test the system to demonstrate its effectiveness for the intended user and purpose.
	Technical Knowledge				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand and use electrical systems in their products. • Understand the use of computer control systems in products. • Apply their understanding of computing to program, monitor and control their products. • Know and use technical vocabulary relevant to the project.