

<u>Saint Elizabeth's Knowledge Mat</u>



<u>Year:</u> 4

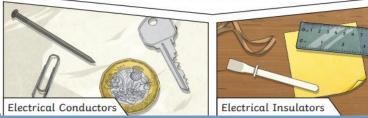
Subject: Science

Electricity

- 1. <u>What I know already:</u>
- Know about the properties of everyday materials (Y1)
- Know why a material might or might not be used for a specific job (Y2)

• Create a practical enquiry (Y4)

A conductor of **electricity** is a material that will allow **electricity** to flow through it. Metals are good conductors. Materials that are electrical insulators do not allow **electricity** to flow through them. Wood, plastic and glass are good insulators



- 2. <u>What I am going to learn My Sticky Knowledge</u>
- The four outcomes of **electricity** are light, movement heat and sound.
- The 6 **sources** of **electricity** are solar, hydro, wind, nuclear, geothermal & fossil fuels (coal, oil, gas).
- **Electricity** can be passed through the mains (**alternating current**) or a battery (**direct current**).
- The difference between a **cell** and a **battery** is that a cell is a single unit that converts **chemical energy** into **electrical energy**, and a battery is a **collection of cells**.
- A **switch** opens and closes a **circuit** by stopping and starting the **flow of electricitu**.

3. <u>Key vocabulary</u>	
Electrical conductor:	A material that lets electricity pass through easily.
Electrical Insulator:	A material that does not let electricity pass through easily.
Generate:	To make or produce.
Battery:	A device that stores electrical energy as a chemical.
Circuit:	A pathway that electricity can flow around. It includes wires and a power supply.
Renewable energy:	A source of electriciyty that will not run out
Non-renewable energy	A source of electricity that will eventually run out

Topic: Electricity

Electricity can

only flow around a complete circuit

that has no gaps. There must be wires connected to both the positive and negative end of the power supply/battery.

Battery electricity: batteries store chemicals which produce an electric current. Eventually, even rechargeable batteries will stop producing an

electric current.



Mains electricity: power stations send an electric charge through wires to transformers and pylons. Then, underground wires carry the electricity into our homes via wires in the walls and out through

plug sockets.

