# Topic Title: All the Fun of the Fair

### Year 4 Autumn 2





### Skills Taught:

- Identify common appliances that run on electricity.
- Construct a simple series electrical circuit, identifying and naming its basic parts, including cells, wires, bulbs, switches and buzzers.
- Identify whether or not a lamp will light in a simple series circuit, based on whether or not the lamp is part of a complete loop with a battery.
- Recognise that a switch opens and closes a circuit and associate this with whether or not a lamp lights in a simple series circuit.
- Recognise some common conductors and insulators, and associate metals with being good conductors.

#### Immersion Activity/Provocation:

Linked to a D&T Christmas project – design (pictorial representation rather than circuit symbols) and make a circuit to light your revolving Christmas carousel or Ferris wheel.

## Key Question

buzzer or turn a motor?

#### Big Questions:

Why do we need electricity?

How could we change the brightness of a bulb?

How does using two cells impact on the brightness of your bulb?

What is the difference between a conductor and an insulator?

Which would complete a circuit most effectively – a metal or a wooden spoon?

What is the purpose of a switch within a circuit?

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Enquiry Question: What component parts will your circuit need to light a bulb, sound a buzzer or turn a motor?

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Focus Texts: Jinks & O'Hare Funfair Repair

	Skills and Knowledge
Some children will:	<ul> <li>Identify how sounds are made, associating some of them with something vibrating.</li> <li>Observe and name a variety of sounds, nothing that we hear with our ears.</li> <li>Identify common appliances that run on electricity.</li> <li>Construct a simple series electrical circuit.</li> </ul>
Most children will:	<ul> <li>Identify and name the basic parts of a simple series electrical circuit, including cells, wires, bulbs, switches and buzzers, and use recognised symbols when representing a simple circuit in a diagram.</li> <li>Identify whether or not a lamp will light in a simple series circuit, based on whether or not the lamp is part of a complete loop with a battery.</li> <li>Recognise that a switch opens and closes a circuit and associate this with whether or not a lamp lights in a simple series circuit.</li> <li>Recognise some common conductors and insulators, and associate metals with being good conductors.</li> </ul>
Some children will progress further and will:	Compare and give reasons for variations in how components function, including the brightness of bulbs, the loudness of buzzers and the on/off position of switches.

Enrichment/Outdoor Learning:

Simple circuit 'Concept Cartoon'

'Circuit Repairers' challenge:

https://www.stem.org.uk/resources/elibrary/resource/26916/electricity

'Power Up' Circuit Builder:

http://powerup.ukpowernetworks.co.uk/powerup/en/under-11/circuits/circuit-builder/

Animations and videos:

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

https://www.schoolscience.co.uk/exploringthefirstelectricalhouses

Carousel Craft Activity

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rtjCHQgxJJU

Previously On ... (links to prior learning):

Links to prior learning during Lights, Camera, Action topic in Year 3:

- Notice that light is reflected from surfaces.
- Recognise that light from the Sun can be dangerous and that there are ways to protect their eyes.
- Find patterns in the way that the size of shadows changes.
- Identify how sounds are made, associating some of them with something vibrating.
- Recognise that vibration from sounds travel through a medium to the ear.

Celebration of knowledge and skills gained (opportunities for assessment):

Demonstration and evaluation of Christmas fairground rides.

Selling of Christmas fairground rides at whole-school Christmas fayre.

### Key Vocabulary:

appliances, electricity, wire, battery, cell, switch, bulb, lamp, buzzer, motor, brightness, loudness, revolve, rotation, turn, component, symbol, conductor, insulator, current, metal, circuit, series

#### Cross-curricular links:

English – reading and writing linked to whole-class text, Jinks & O'Hare Funfair Repair

Maths – measurement involved in designing and constructing Christmas carousels or Ferris wheels

D&T – revolving Christmas carousels or Ferris wheel for whole-school D&T project to be sold at Christmas Fayre