Colney Heath School ~ Science		
Topic: Electricity	Year: 6	Physics

Diagrams

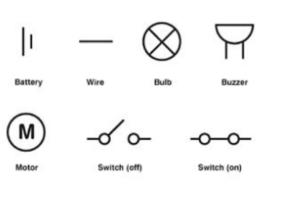
## What should I already know?

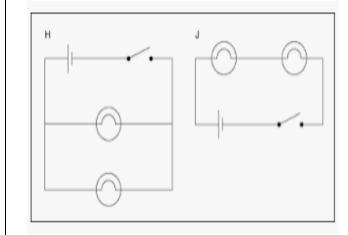
Matter (stuff) is made from tiny building blocks. Electrical energy is a form of energy.

Current electricity is the flow of charged particles called electrons around a circuit. Electrical current flows well through some materials, called electrical conductors, and poorly through other materials, called electrical insulators. Conductors have free electrons, and when electrical current flows through a conductor, the electrons move like people in a queue. Electrical conductivity (how well a material conducts electricity) is an example of a property. Metals are good electrical conductors.

A chemical reaction inside a cell produces the charged particles that can flow around a circuit.

More than one cell lined up to work together is called a battery. Electrical current can flow if there is a complete circuit. Wires – which contain a conductor inside them, usually made of metal – can allow electrical current to flow around a circuit. When electrical current flows through a circuit components within that circuit – such as buzzers which make a noise and bulbs which emit light – begin to work. A switch functions by completing or breaking a complete circuit. A simple circuit can be constructed using components. Exposure to high levels of electrical current can be dangerous.







Vocabulary		
Voltage	An electrical force that makes electricity move through a wire, measured in volts.	
Electricity	A form of energy resulting from the existence of charged particles.	
Resistor	A part of an electric circuit that provides resistance to some of the current.	
Ammeter	Measures the current in a circuit.	
Power	Power is energy, especially electricity, which is obtained in large quantities from a fuel source and used to operate lights, heating, and machinery.	
Component	The parts that something is made of.	
Motor	A device that uses electricity or fuel to produce movement.	
Resistance	A force which slows down a moving object or vehicle.	
Generate	Cause it to begin and develop.	
Current	A flow of electricity through a wire or circuit.	

The Big Picture	By the end of our project we will know that
Physics P1: The universe follows unbreakable rules that are all about forces, matter and energy. P2: Forces are different kinds of pushes and pulls that act on all the matter that is in the universe. Matter is all the stuff, or mass, in the universe. P3: Energy, which cannot be created or destroyed, comes in many different forms and tends to move away from objects that have lots of it.	Voltage is a measure of the power of a cell to produce electricity; it is a measure of the 'push' of electric current, not the size of the electric current. As the number and voltage of cells in a circuit increases, the brightness of a bulb or the volume of a buzzer will increase (though too high a voltage may 'blow' the bulb or buzzer).  Be able to draw simple circuit diagrams and use the recognized symbols for a battery, bulb, motor, buzzer and wire. Predict whether components will function in a given circuit, depending on whether or not the circuit is complete; whether or not a switch is in an on or off position; and whether or not there is a cell to power the circuit.