Electricity Year 4

Key Vocabu	Key Vocabulary			
electricity	The flow of an electric current through a material, e.g. from a power source through wires to an appliance.			
appliances	A piece of equipment or a device designed to perform a particular job, such as a washing machine or mobile phone.			
battery	A device that stores electrical energy as a chemical.			
circuit	A pathway that electricity can flow around. It is based around wires and a power supply. Examples of components (parts) you can add in to a circuit are bulbs, switches, buzzers and motors.			

Components (Parts) Vocabulary

cell: Normally we'd call this a battery but scientifically this is a cell. Two or more cells joined together form a battery.



bulb: Lights up in a complete circuit.



buzzer: Makes a noise in

a complete circuit.

wires: Used to connect the different component in the circuit together.



motor: Produces

switch: Used to turn other components in the circuit on or off.









Electricity can flow. Components will work.

Incomplete Circuit



There is a break in the circuit that prevents the electricity from flowing. The components will not work.

Switches can be used to open or close a circuit. When off, a switch 'breaks' the circuit to stop the flow of electricity. When on, a switch 'completes' the circuit and allows the electricity to flow.

switch



toggle

switch

push button



slide switch

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mains electricity	Electricity supplied through wires to a building.		
electrical conductor	I a malenal mul will allow		
electrical insulator	Materials that are electrical insulators do not allow electricity to flow through them.		

Key Knowledge

Examples of Electrical Conductors



Examples of Electrical Insulators



Appliances

Many everyday appliances rely on electricity for them to work. Some appliances use mains electricity (are plugged into a socket) and others have a battery to make them work. Examples of mains-powered appliances include toasters and televisions. Battery-powered appliances can include mobile phones and torches.



battery-powered



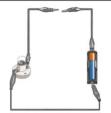
To work safely with circuit components in the classroom:

- None of the equipment needs to use mains power, so do not put any of it in or near plugs.
- Report any damaged or broken equipment to your teacher. Do not use it.
- Only use equipment as instructed.
- Connect equipment correctly.
- Disconnect equipment after use and put it away neatly.

Materials can be tested in a circuit to see if they are electrical conductors or electrical insulators.



10p = metal = electrical conductors

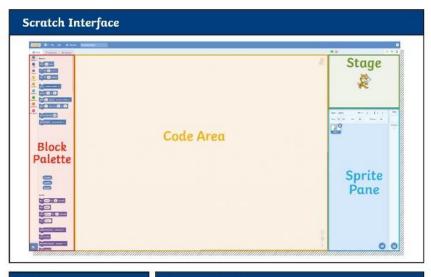


test circuit



ruler = plastic = electrical insulators

Key Vocabulai	ry
algorithm	A sequence of ordered instructions. In Scratch, algorithms are referred to as scripts.
block	A puzzle-shaped piece of code. They can connect to other blocks to create algorithms.
code	A set of instructions written in a programming language that a computer can understand.
debugging	Debugging is where you find, remove or correct errors in computer code.
repetition	When a command or process is repeated.
sequence	A sequence is a set of instructions carried out in a particular order, in an algorithm.
variable	A value that can be recorded in the memory of Scratch. A variable can be edited.





Use the if...then...else... blocks to determine the outcome of a condition.

An **Operators** block can be placed inside the hexagonal space.

Duplication

To avoid creating each question block by block, you can make an exact copy of the sequence of blocks. This is called duplication. Right-click on a section of code and then select 'duplicate'.



Operators and Variables

In Scratch, we can use the green, hexagonal **Operators** blocks to compare variables and values as well as work out calculations.



Here you can insert an **answer sensing** block to make this statement true.

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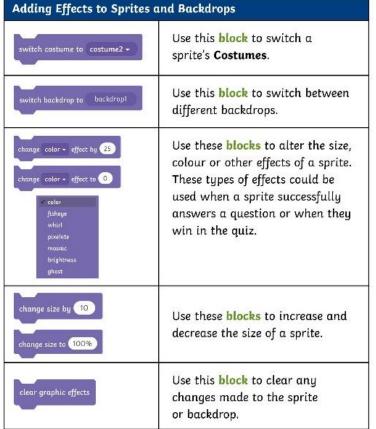


Use this block to multiply two numbers together.

Scores and timers can be made by creating a new variable.

Timer

Score



All Around the World

Key Vocabulary			
co-ordinates	A set of numbers and/or letters that show you a specific position on a map.		
hemisphere	A half of the earth, usually divided by the equator into the northern and southern hemisphere.		
observatory	A place for observing and studying natural events on Earth or in space.		
polar	The area around the North or South Pole.		
precipitation	tation Water particles that reach the ground including rain, hail and snow.		



northern hemisphere equator -

southern hemisphere -



Longitude and Latitude

Latitude lines run around the earth east to west.

These lines are the same distance apart from each other.

Longitude lines run over the top of the earth north to south.

These lines are not equally distant from each other.

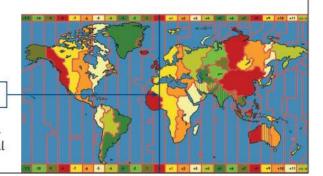
These lines are used to give the specific location of anywhere in the world using co-ordinates.

Time Zones

- The Prime Meridian (PM) line divides the earth into the eastern and western hemisphere.
- It passes though the Royal Observatory in Greenwich, England.
- · All time zones start here Greenwich Mean Time (GMT).
- · There are 24 different time zones one for each hour in the day.
- From GMT to the east = +1 hour for every time zone.
- From GMT to the west = -1 hour for every time zone.

Prime Meridian

The International Date Line is on the opposite side of the world from the PM.
 When it is noon at the Prime Meridian, it is midnight along the International Date Line. This is where midnight occurs first across the globe.



South Pole

Antarctic Circle

Polar Regions

North Pole

Arctic Circle

Includes parts of Russia, Norway, Sweden, Finland, Canada, Alaska, Greenland and Iceland.

Has no countries and has no one living there permanently. It is a protected place of scientific and environmental research.



The Tropics

- The Tropic of Cancer (northern tropic) and the Tropic of Capricorn (southern tropic) mark the most northerly and southerly positions that the sun can be overhead.
 - Between the tropics the weather is hot all year round.
- Rainfall can vary here. In some places, there is very little rain, some areas have a rainy season
 and some places have lots of rain all year round.

Tropical Rainforest **Tropical Coniferous Rainforest** Tropical Grasslands (Savannahs) **Tropical Dry Forest** South America, Africa and North & Central America and Mexico, Brazil, Southeast Africa, Asia, India and Australia Asia and India Southeast Asia Asia Hot Constantly warm Warm all year round Steady temperatures all year Dry season lasts up to 9 months round Long dry seasons No dry season 900mm - 1500mm rain per year Low precipitation Average 60mm rain per month