Topic Plan

Year 6
Autumn 1 – 'Say Watt' – Technology and Electricity

Key Skills

- To know that electricity is a form of energy made up of electrons, protons and neutrons.
- To investigate potential difference.
- To create a series circuit with a switch.
- To investigate the effects and consequences of changing circuit components and batteries.
- Create changes in tones, shade or intensity by overlapping colours.
- Transpose an image using tracing paper.
- Use maps, atlases, globes and digital/computer mapping to locate countries and describe features.
- Use a range of resources to identify the key physical and human features of a location.

Key Facts

- Atoms have a nucleus containing neutrons and protons (+) electrons
 (-) orbit around the central nucleus.
- A closed series circuit means electric current follows one path.
- If the positive and negative terminals of a battery are joined by a wire, then electrons will flow. We call this current.
- The rocks that form the Lake
 District have both changed location
 and appearance over millions of
 years.
- Poland has an undulating terrain ranging from the sandy beaches of the Baltic coast in the north to the stunning mountain formations in the south of the country.
- Jamaica, according to the National Geographic, is the tip of a mountain that rises from the sea floor. This mountain was formed by early volcanic eruptions, but submerged about 40 - 25 million years ago. About 10 -12 million years ago, the island remerged as a result of tectonic uplift of the Caribbean Plate.

Key Vocabulary

- Electricity anything involving the position or movement of charge. Not the same as current
- Element the simplest form a substance made from identical atoms. It cannot be split into anything simpler.
- Energy the ability to make something happen measured in Joules (J)
- Charge a basic property of the Universe. There are two types + and -
- Current the flow of charge caused by a potential difference
- Induce to cause something to happen
- Potential difference energy transferred to/from charge
- Transfer move from one place to another
- Voltage the old name for potential difference (this term is no longer used)

Key Figures/Places



Still Life: Autumn Fashion by Patrick Caulfield (1978)



Reading and Writing Links

Our class novel this term is Stormbreaker written by Anthony Horowitz.

