Year 4: Electricity Knowledge Mat

Subject Specific Vocabulary			onductors	and Insu	Important Knowledge	
electricity	A form of energy used for lighting, heating, making sound and making machines work.		Some materia through then known as ele Many metals conductors, s	nductors s let electricity panesily. These are ctrical conductors are good electrical uch as iron, copp	re S. al	☐ I can name common appliances that run on electricity.
electrical circuit	A cell or battery connected to a component using wires. It needs to be a complete circuit to work.		Insulators Some materials do not allow electricity to pass through them. They are known as insulators. Plastic, wood, rubber and glass are good electrical insulators.			 □ I know whether or not a lamp will light in a simple series circuit. □ I know how to construct a simple series electrical circuit, identifying and naming its basic parts: cells, wires, bulbs, switches and buzzers.
cell	A cell is a single unit of energy.					
battery	A battery is a collection of cells.					
switch	Can be added to a circuit to turn a component on or off. It allows the electricity to flow or it stops it.					☐ I know that a switch opens and closes a circuit.
conductor	Material that allows electricity to pass through.		-030 N M		☐ I know some common	
insulator	Material that does not allow electricity to pass through.	Bu	lb	Cell 5	Switch	conductors and insulators.
electrical appliance	A machine or device that runs on electricity.				1	☐ I know that metals are good conductors.
motor	A device that uses electricity or fuel to produce movement.		7		0	
electrical component	A part that combines with others to form a circuit. E.g. bulb, motor, buzzer					