Year 6: Electricity Knowledge Mat

Subject	Specific Vocabulary	Circuit Symbols	Important Knowledge
circuit	A complete path that an electric current can flow around.	cell — — battery	☐ I know how changing the voltage of cells in a circuit affects the brightness of a lamp.
circuit symbol	A symbol used to represent various electronic components or functions in a diagram of a circuit.	wire —	☐ I know how changing the voltage of cells in a circuit affects the
circuit diagram	A visual representation of an electrical circuit.	bulb —————	loudness of a buzzer.
current	A stream of charged particles, moving through an electrical conductor or space.	buzzer	I know how parts of a circuit function.
voltage	Voltage measures the energy that is transferred to a device in a circuit. It is measured in Volts. Mains electricity carries a voltage of 210-240 volts. A typical cell in school has 1.5 volts.	switch Open switch Closed switch	☐ I can draw a diagram of a circuit and use symbols to represent: cells, wires, lamps/bulbs, buzzers, switches and
anomaly	A result that is not normal or is unexpected.		motors.
analyse	To examine something methodically and in detail, in order to explain and it.	Adding bulbs to a circuit will make each bulb dimmer	
interval	A period between 2 events or times.		
hypothesis	An idea for something that has not yet been proved:		
refute	To say that a person, statement or idea is wrong.		