Electricity Knowledge Organiser Oaks

Subject Specific Vocabulary			
Lamp (also called a bulb)	Part of a circuit that gives out light		betten
battery	A portable source of electricity	battery battery holder switch bulb	
Rechargeable battery	A battery that we can put 'electricity' back into		
mains	The electricity that comes from a socket in the wall and through wires		
cell	The scientific name for a battery		
circuit	Components connected together to make one of them work.		
components	The items that make up a circuit.	What you will know by the end of the unit:	Sticky Knowledge
terminals	The ends of the battery. One is negative and one is positive	 Know about common appliances that run on electricity. Know how to construct a simple series electrical circuit. Identify and name the basic parts of the circuit, including cells, wires, bulbs, switches and buzzers. Know that a switch opens and closes a circuit. Know about some common conductors and insulators. Know that metals are good conductors. 	 Components must be wired to a power source in order to work. A switch completes a circuit so that electricity can flow and must
wires	used to connect components together		be made of a good conductor
conductor	a material that transmits electricity		Mains electricity is so powerful that it can kill people.
insulator	a material through which electricity cannot flow.		 Insulators prevent electricity from travelling and help to keep us safe.
switch	A component that turns a circuit on and off		Electrical wires are usually made of copper wires (good conductors) coated with plastic (good insulator)
socket	Sockets allow electrical equipment to be connected to the main power supply		 A power station is a place where electricity is created and sent to our homes. Itcan also be generated from wind, sun, water and even animal poo!