Year 4: What are the components of a simple circuit?

Subject Specific Vocabulary		Interesting Book	Sticky Knowledge
circuit	An electrical circuit is a completed path through which an electrical current flows.	CHARGING ABOUT THE STORY OF ELECTRICITY REALLY ROCKING Jacqui Bailey Matthew Lilly	about electricity ☐ Electricity can be generated by from
buzzers	A buzzer is an automatic signalling device. They are used as alarms and door bells.		power stations, wind, the sun, water and even animal poo!
conductor	A conductor is an object or type of material that allows the flow of an electrical current in one or		☐ Electricity is a type of energy that can build up in one place to flow to another.
battery	more directions A battery is a device that stores chemical energy and makes it available in an electrical form.		A power station is a place where electricity is created and sent to our homes.
cells	An electrical cell is a device that is used to generate electricity.	Important facts to know by the end of the electricity	☐ Electricity travels at the speed of light, which is more than 186,000 miles per hour.
switch	A switch is an electrical component that can 'make' or 'break' an electrical circuit.	topic in Year 4 Know about common	☐ One flash of lightening could power 1000 houses for a whole year.
socket	Sockets allow electrical equipment to be connected to the alternating current (AC) power supply in buildings and at other sites.	 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. 	■ When an electric charge builds up on the surface of an object it makes static electricity. This is why we sometimes have a small electric
appliance	An electrical appliance is a device that uses electricity to perform a function.		shock. The first power plant opened in 1882
appliance series circuit	Components connected in series are connected along a single path, so the same current flows through all of the components.		and was opened by Thomas Edison. Thomas Edison was a very famous inventor who helped us make the most of electricity from bulbs to
insulator	An insulator is a material whose internal electric charges do not flow freely.		fuses.

