

Lesson Structure

90 minute lessons

Year 6 – Controlling Light

Lesson Number	Focus	Australian Curriculum General Capabilities	Australian Curriculum Content Descriptors
1	Controlling light 40 - 60 min lesson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Critical and creative thinking – generating ideas, possibilities and actions • Critical and creative thinking – reflecting on thinking and processes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Design and technologies - Examine how people in design and technologies occupations address competing considerations, including sustainability in the design of products, services, and environments for current and future use (ACTDEK019) • Design and technologies - Investigate how electrical energy can control light in a designed product or system (ACTDEK020)
2	Electrical energy 90 min lesson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Critical and creative thinking – generating ideas, possibilities and actions • Critical and creative thinking – reflecting on thinking and processes • Personal and social capability – Social management 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Science - Electrical energy can be transferred and transformed in electrical circuits and can be generated from a range of sources (ACSSU097)

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3	Digital systems 90 min lesson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Critical and creative thinking – inquiring – identifying, exploring and organising information and ideas • Critical and creative thinking – generating ideas, possibilities and actions • Critical and creative thinking – reflecting on thinking and processes • Personal and social capability – Social management • ICT capability – managing and operating ICT 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Science - Electrical energy can be transferred and transformed in electrical circuits and can be generated from a range of sources (ACSSU097) • Digital technologies - Examine the main components of common digital systems and how they may connect together to form networks to transmit data (ACTDIK014) • Digital technologies - Design, modify and follow simple algorithms involving sequences of steps, branching and iteration (repetition) (ACTDIP019) • Digital technologies - Implement digital solutions as simple visual programs involving branching, iteration (repetition), and user input (ACTDIP020)
4	Flashing lights 90 min lesson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Critical and creative thinking – inquiring – identifying, exploring and organising information and ideas • Critical and creative thinking – generating ideas, possibilities and actions • Critical and creative thinking – reflecting on thinking and processes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Science - Electrical energy can be transferred and transformed in electrical circuits and can be generated from a range of sources (ACSSU097) • Digital technologies - Examine the main components of common digital systems and how they may connect together to form networks to transmit data (ACTDIK014)

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Critical and creative thinking – analysing, synthesising and evaluating reasoning and procedures • Personal and social capability – social management • ICT capability – managing and operating ICT 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Digital technologies - Design, modify and follow simple algorithms involving sequences of steps, branching and iteration (repetition) (ACTDIP019) • Digital technologies - Implement digital solutions as simple visual programs involving branching, iteration (repetition), and user input (ACTDIP020)
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Design Brief: Create a visual sound system for the deaf and hard of hearing by designing an electrical system using an Arduino and programming it to control light (colour, on/off rhythm, brightness) matched to a 2-minute piece of music.

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Design and technologies project: Designing a visual sound system for the deaf and hard of hearing		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Critical and creative thinking – generating ideas, possibilities and actions • Critical and creative thinking – reflecting on thinking and processes • Critical and creative thinking – analysing, synthesising and evaluating reasoning and procedures • Personal and social capability – social management 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Design and technologies – investigate how electrical energy can control light in a designed product (ACTDEK020) • Design and technologies – investigate characteristics and properties of a range of materials, systems, components, tools and equipment and evaluate the impact of their use (ACTDEK023) • Design and technologies – processes and production skills (ACTDEP024), (ACTDEP025), (ACTDEP026), (ACTDEP027), (ACTDEP028)

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5	Investigating components of an electronic system which can be used to control light	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify the components in an electrical system and list their functions 	Year 6 Investigating components worksheet – group task Arduino kits
6	Generate and refine ideas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Understand the requirements of the design brief Create 3 x electrical system design ideas, Draw and label each system and describe how it works Evaluate and select a final design 	Year 6 generate and refine ideas worksheet – group task Arduino kits
7	Production plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collaborate with group members Draw and label final electrical system design and describe how it works List materials and equipment List risks and risk management strategies Write pseudo-code for Arduino programming Create production steps and allocate group roles 	Year 6 Production plan worksheet – group task Arduino kits

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8	Producing and Implementing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safely use appropriate materials to collaboratively execute the production of the electrical system • Create and debug the Arduino program collaboratively • Test product meets the design brief specifications 	Completed Year 6 production plan worksheet for each group – group task Arduino kits
9	evaluating	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evaluate and reflect on electrical system design • Explain use of code, evaluate and reflect on programming Arduino • Evaluate and reflect on collaboration skills and strategies Explain future use of designed product in the community	Year 6 evaluation worksheet – individual task

10	Presenting	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Groups present their designed product to an audience• Groups explain their electrical system design and Arduino program to the class	Completed year 6 production plan worksheet for each group – group task Each group's designed product
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