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Year	Properties	Identifying	Changing of materials	Processes
Group				
EYFS	Floating and sinking	Natural materials		
		– wood, fleece,		
	Melting – link to frozen	sand, water,		
	pea, supertato Ice			
	balloons			
Year 1	simple physical	object and the		
	properties of a variety	material from		
	of everyday materials.	which it is made		
	-hard, soft, stretchy,			
	stiff, bendy, floppy,	everyday		
	waterproof, absorbent,	materials,		
	breaks/tears, rough,	including wood,		
	smooth, shiny, dull,	plastic, glass,		
	see-through, not see-	metal, water, and		
	through	rock.		
Year 2	suitability of a variety		some materials can be	
	of everyday materials,		changed by squashing,	
	including wood, metal,		bending, twisting and	
	plastic, glass, brick,		stretching.	
	rock, paper and			
	cardboard for			
	particular uses.			
	-opaque, transparent			
	and translucent, reflective, non-			
	reflective, flexible,			
	rigid			
	Tigia			
Year 3	soils are made from	Rock is a naturally		fossils are formed when
	rocks and organic	occurring		things that have lived
	matter.	material.		are trapped within
				rock.
Year 4		Identify solids,	some materials	evaporation and
		liquids or gases.	change state when	condensation in the
			they are heated or	water cycle
			cooled	
			measure or research	
			the temperature at	
			which this happens in	
			degrees Celsius (°C).	
Year 5	hardness, solubility,		dissolve in liquid to	
	transparency,		form a solution and	
	conductivity (electrical		describe how to	
	and thermal), and		recover a substance	
	response to magnets		from a solution.	

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	mixtures might be separated, including through filtering, sieving and evaporating.
	dissolving, mixing and changes of state are reversible changes.
	formation of new materials, and that this kind of change is not usually reversible, including changes associated with burning and the action of acid on bicarbonate of soda.
Year 6	