Knowledge Organiser: States of Matter

Who: Scientific Influences

Name/Picture	Why significant
Antoine Lavoisier 1743 - 1794	Most noted for his discovery of the role oxygen plays in combustion. He recognized and named oxygen (1778) and hydrogen (1783).
Robert Boyle 1627-1691	Boyle discovered that the volume of a gas decreases with increasing pressure and vice versa—the famous Boyle's law
	In 1803 he proposed matter is made up of atoms that are

John Dalton

1766 - 1844

Sticky Knowledge

Know that things are composed of a material in one of three states of matter: solid, liquid or gas

Know that things are made of particles (tiny building blocks) and that these are organised differently in different states

Know that materials can change state when temperature changes

Know that when solids turn into liquids, this is called melting and the reverse process is called freezing

Know that when liquids turn into gases, this is called evaporation and the reverse process is called condensation

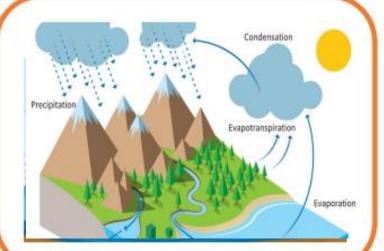
Know that when a solid turns into a gas without passing through the liquid state, this is called sublimation

Know that the melting point of water is 0°C and the boiling point 100°C

Know that water flows around our world in a continuous process called the water cycle

Know that, along with evaporation, water on the Earth's surface moves to the air in a process called transpiration, where water turns into water vapour (gas) on the surface of leaves on plants

Know that there are bonds between particles in a solid; as temperature increases, these bonds are partially overcome as the particles absorb energy and solids can change into liquids; with a further increase in temperature the particles become even more energetic and the bonds are overcome entirely so the liquid changes into a gas



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Possible Scient	entific Enquiry Questions		
Observing over time	How does the level of water in a glass change when left on a windowsill?		
Pattern seeking	Is there a pattern in how long it takes different sized ice lollies to melt? Can you group these materials into solids, liquids and gases?		
Identifying, classifying and grouping			
Fair testing	How does the mass of a block of ice affect how long it takes to melt?		

Extended Specialist Vocabulary

Word	Definition				
	New Vocabulary				
bond	joined securely to				
	something else				
condensation	turn a gas into a liquid.				
evaporation	turn a liquid into a gas.				
precipitation	liquid or solid particles that fall from a cloud as rain, sleet, hail or snow.				
boiling point	the temperature at which a liquid boils and turns to vapour				
melting point	the temperature at which a given solid will melt				
states of matter	materials can be one of three states: solids, liquids or gases. Some materials can change from one state to another and back again.				
liquid	a substance that flows freely but is of constant volume				
gas	a substance which will expand freely to fill a whole container and has no fixed shape or volume				
thermometer	an instrument for measuring and indicating temperature				
water cycle	the cycle of processes by which water circulates between the earth's oceans, atmosphere, and land				
transpiration	the exhalation of water vapour in plants				
sublimation	When a substance changes from a solid to a gas, withou going through the liquid change				

Solids, Liquids and Gases



When materials hold their shape. Their particles are closely packed and form a regular pattern. Their shape is fixed and

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regular pattern. Their shape is fixed and they will always take up the same

amount of space. Examples: Ice, Wood, Glass, Diamond.

What is a liquid?



When materials hold the shape of the containers they are in and so can change shape. Their particles are close together

but can move over each other. Liquids can be poured.

Examples: Water, Milk, washing-up liquid.



Gases can escape from open containers.

They often cannot be seen. They have particles which can spread it and move in all directions.

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Examples: Steam, Hydrogen, Oxygen, Carbon Dioxide.

Changes of State (heating and cooling)

Warming solid ice makes it melt into liquid water. Adding more heat makes it evaporate, at 100°C, into steam (a gas). When it is cooled it condenses back into liquid water. If it is cooled to 0°C it freezes and forms

