



Year 4: States of Matter Knowledge Organiser

Key People/Scientists		
1	Joseph Preistly (1733-1804) Discovered Oxygen, through his research he identified photosynthesis (the process of feeding plants).	
	Lord Kelvin (1824-1907) Developed a temperature scale called the Kelvin scale. His research into heat and energy allowed him to determine the temperature of absolute zero.	

Key Questions		
What is a	A solid is made up of tightly packed vibrating	
solid?	particles to form a regular pattern.	
What is a	In a liquid the vibrating particles still touch, but	
liquid?	they move around, sliding over each other. This is	
	why you can pour, but not compress, a liquid	
What happens	A material can change its state by heating it up or	
to a material	cooling it down. For example, water is a liquid at	
when it is	room temperature. If we cool it down, it changes	
heated or	into a solid – ice. If we heat it up, it changes into a	
cooled?	gas - steam.	
Why is the	The water cycle is essential to life on our planet:	
importance of	without it there would be no plants or animals	
the water	The water cycle is powered by the Sun: heat makes	
cycle?	water evaporate, before it cools and condenses and	
	falls back to the ground.	

Misconceptions/Key facts

<u>Misconception:</u> Sand and rice take the shape of containers; therefore, they are not solids.

<u>Fact:</u> Each individual grain of sand and rice have definite shape; therefore, they are solids.

<u>Misconception:</u> Solids are hard, strong, and non-malleable.

<u>Fact:</u> Different solids have different degree of hardness, strength, and malleability.

<u>Misconception:</u> Mass is associated with the term 'massive' and thus related to the size or volume of an object.

 $\underline{\textbf{Fact:}}$ Mass is the amount of matter in

an object.

3 STA	Diagrams/Visual Aid	TTER
SOLID	LIQUID	GAS
heat added	MELTS	EVAPORATES
FREEZES <	GONDENSES <	loses heat

Key Vocabulary		
Celsius	Celsius is a measurement of temperature	
condenses	Condensation is the process by which water vapor (water in its gas form) turns into liquid.	
evaporates	The change in state when a liquid e.g. water changes to a gas e.g. water vapour.	
freeze	Cooling freezes a liquid into a solid.	
matter	Matter is anything, such as a solid, liquid or gas, that has weight (mass) and occupies space	
melts	Heat melts a solid and turns it into a liquid.	
particles	Particles are tiny bits of matter that make up everything in the universe.	
water vapour	Water vapour is water that is in the form of a vapour, or gas.	

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