Year 4 States of Matter

Important Questions

- What are solids, liquids and gases?
- What happens when materials are heated or cooled?
- What is evaporation and condensation?
- What is the water cycle?
- What are standard units for temperature measurement?

Key Skills

- To explore a variety of everyday materials and group them according to their characteristics.
- To observe solids, liquids and gases.
- To observe the changes to materials when heated or cooled.
- To explain the water cycle process.

Working Scientifically

- 1 To group and classify a variety of different materials.
- ² To explore the effect of temperature.
- To research the temperature at which materials change state.



LIQUID SOLID GAS

Key Vocabulary		
1	States of matter	The classification of a material.
2	Solid	Solids hold their shape. (some will change shape if a force is applied)
3	Liquid	Form a pool not a pile. (Will fit to the shape of a container)
4	Gas	Gases escape from an unsealed container.
5	evaporation	the process of turning from liquid into vapour.
6	condensation	the conversion of a vapour or gas to a liquid
7	The water cycle	the cycle of processes by which water circulates between the earth's oceans, atmosphere, and land.
8	Temperature	A measurement of how hot or cold matter is.
9	Freezing/boiling point	The temperature at which something freezes or boils.
10	Particle	a minute portion of matter.