Staplegrove Church School

Knowledge and Skills Progression in Science

States of Matter

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3 4	The water cycle has four stages: evaporation, condensation, precipitation and collection. Water in lakes, rivers and streams is warmed by the Sun, causing the water to evaporate and rise into the air as water vapour. As the water vapour rises, it cools and condenses to form water droplets in clouds. The clouds become full of water until the water falls back to the ground as precipitation (rain, hail, snow and ice). The fallen water collects back in lakes, rivers and streams. Evaporation and condensation are caused by temperature changes. Heating or cooling materials can bring about a change of state. This change of state can be reversible or irreversible. The temperature at which materials change state varies depending on the material. Water changes state from solid (ice) \rightleftharpoons liquid (water) at 0°C and from liquid (water) \rightleftharpoons gas (water vapour) at 100°C. The process of changing from a solid to liquid is called melting. The reverse process of changing from a liquid to a solid is called freezing. The process of changing from a liquid to a gas is called evaporation. The reverse process of changing from a gas to a liquid is called condensation.	Describe the water cycle using words or diagrams and explain the part played by evaporation and condensation. Observe and explain that some materials change state when they are heated or cooled and measure or research the temperature in degrees Celsius (°C) at which materials change state.	Misty Mountains States of Matter
	Materials can be grouped according to whether they are solids, liquids or gases. Solids stay in one place and can be held. Some solids can be squashed,	Group and sort materials into solids, liquids or gases.	States of Matter

	bent, twisted and stretched. Examples of solids	
	include wood, metal, plastic and clay. Liquids move	
	around (flow) easily and are difficult to hold. Liquids	
	take the shape of the container in which they are	
	held. Examples of liquids include water, juice and	
	milk. Gases spread out to fill the available space and	
	cannot be held. Examples of gases include oxygen,	
	helium and carbon dioxide. Air is a mixture of gases.	
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