BRUNSHAW PRIMARY SCHOOL



Inspiring children to be resilient and aspirational learners, within a positive and considerate community

Subject: Science	Year group: 4 Term: Spring 1	Title: States of Matter
What should I already know?	Facts I will learn	Key questions
 The physical properties of everyday materials. That some solid shapes can be changed through squashing, bending, twisting and stretching. 	 A solid is hard to touch and its particles are tightly packed together; even though they vibrate slightly, they do not move out of position. A liquid flows and its particles are close together, however they do not have a regular arrangement. Gases move freely and their particles are well separated with no regular arrangement. Water (liquid) freezes at 0 degrees Celsius and becomes ice (solid). Water (liquid) boils at 100 degrees Celsius When water gets warmer it begins to turn to water vapour The water cycle: 	 What is a solid, liquid or gas? How can I group materials into these three groups? Can materials change state, or do they always remain the same? At what temperature do materials change state? (focus on water) What is the water cycle?

Key Skills

- To ask relevant questions and using different scientific enquiries to answer them.
- To set up simple practical enquiries, comparative and fair tests.
- To make systematic and careful observations, including taking accurate measurements.
- To gather, record and present data in a variety of ways.
- To record findings using simple scientific language, drawings, labelled diagrams, keys, bar charts and tables.
- To report on findings from enquiries, including presentations of results and conclusions.
- To use results to draw simple conclusions, make predictions and suggest improvements,
- To identify differences, similarities or changes related to simple scientific ideas and processes.
- To use straightforward scientific evidence to answer questions or to support their findings.

Experiences that school will provide

• Experiments to show how materials can change state.









Key vocab	Definition	
Solid	Firm and stable in shape	
Liquid	A substance that flows freely.	
Gas	A substance with no fixed shape or volume.	
Temperature	The degree of heat in a substance or object.	
Condense	Make something denser or more concentrated.	
Evaporate	Turn from liquid into vapour.	
Melt	Make or become liquid by heating.	
Freeze	Turn into ice as a result of extreme cold.	

Web links

https://www.abcya.com/games/states of ma tter

Experiences that could be provided at home

- Make ice lollies. Turning water into ice.
- Bake. Watch how the different ingredients change state.