Knowledge Organiser

Science Focus		States of matter	Year 4		4	Spring 1
What? (Key Knowledge)			Statutory requirements			
Solid	One of the three states of matter. Solids keep their shape. The particles in a solid are very close together. Ice is the solid states of water.		 Pupils should be taught to: compare and group materials together, according to whether they are solids, liquids or gases observe that some materials change state when they are heated or cooled, and 			
Liquid	One of the three states of matter, liquids pour and take on the shape of a container. In a liquid the particles are not as close together as in the solid form.		 measure or research the temperature at which this happens in degrees Celsius (°C) identify the part played by evaporation and condensation in the water cycle and associate the rate of evaporation with temperature. 			
Gas	One of the fill all availa are very ap	three states of matter, gases able space. The particles in gas art from each other and				
	moving freely. Water vapour is a gas.		What? (Key vocab)			
Heating	All matter is made up of particles which have energy and move. The more energy they have the more movement there is. When a solid is heated it gains energy, the particles move more and it changes to a liquid state. When more energy (heat) is applied to a liquid more movement occurs and it changes into a gaseous state. If a gas is heated it gains more energy and takes up more space (expands). This depends upon the processes of evaporation, condensation and precipitation. Precipitation is water falling from the air as rain, snow, sleet or hail. Evaporation occurs on the oceans, land, lakes and rivers. Some of the cooled water vapour condenses on small particles of dust or soot present in the atmosphere and clouds containing water droplets or ice are formed. The water droplets need to reach a certain size before they begin to fall.		Spel	ling		Definition
			State C	hange	The process matter to an change.	of change from one state of other – this is a reversible
			Melt	ting	Changing from a solid into a liquid.	
			Free	zing	Changing from a liquid into a solid.	
Water Cycle			Evaporation		The process of change from a liquid into a gas.	
			Conden	isation	The process liquid.	of change from a gas into a
			Water	Cycle	The cycle of the weather water moves	events that occur naturally in systems of the Earth where s through its three states.
			Possible experiences			
			Observe change of states over time.			



- Play a game of particles the children have to get into groups and demonstrate what the particles would look like.
- Group different objects into solid, liquid and gas depending on their properties.
- Research the melting, boiling and freezing point of different materials.
- Apply knowledge to the water cycle.