

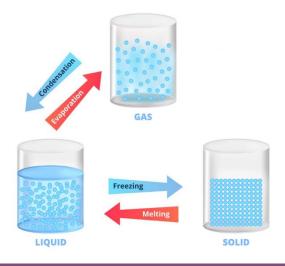
Knowledge Bank: **Year 4 Science** – States of Matter.

Key Vocabulary

solid liquid	These are materials that keep
	their shape unless a force is
	applied to them. They can be
	hard, soft or even squashy.
	Take the shape of their
	container. They can change
	shape but do not change the
	amount of space they take up.
	They can flow or be poured.
gas	Can spread out to completely
	fill the container or room they
	are in. They do not have any
	fixed shape, but they do have a
	mass.
particles	Particles are tiny bits of matter
	that make up everything in the
	universe. A particle is
	something that is so tiny we
	can't see it.
temperature	Temperature is a degree of
	hotness or coldness, it can be
	measured using
	a thermometer.
matter	Matter is anything that takes up
	space. Matter can exist in
	three states – solid, liquid or
	gas. Some materials can
	change between the states
	through different processes.

Key Question: How do materials change their state of matter?

CHANGING STATES OF MATTER



What I should already know:

The shapes of solid objects made from some **materials** can be changed.

Materials can be grouped together based on their simple physical properties.

Key Facts:

Properties of solids, liquids and gases:

Solids:

Particles in a solid are close together, they can only vibrate

- Solids stay in one place and can be held.
- Solids keep their shape.
- Solids always take up the same amount of space.
- · Solids can be cut or shaped.

Liquids:

Particles in a **liquid** are close together but can move around and over each other easily.

- Liquids can flow or be poured easily and are not easy to hold.
- Liquids change their shape depending on the container they are in.
- Even when liquids change their shape, they always take up the same amount of space.

Gases:

Particles in a **gas** are spread out and can move around very quickly in all directions.

- Gases do not have a fixed shape they spread out and change their shape and volume to fill up whatever container they are in.
- Gases can be squashed.
- · Gases are often invisible.

Processes to change state:

Melting – when a solid changes state to a liquid.

Freezing – when a liquid changes state to a solid.

Evaporation – when a liquid changes state to a gas.

Condensation – when a gas changes state to a liquid.