## Year 4/5 Science Knowledge Organiser – States of Matter

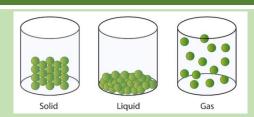
Vocabulary			
1 matter	anything that takes up space and has a mass	7 thermal	anything related to heat
2 particles	very tiny pieces of matter	8 insulator	a material or an object that does not easily allow heat, electricity, light or sound to pass through it
3 a state (or phase) of matter	the form in which matter exists e.g. as a solid, liquid or gas	9 conductor	the ability of a material to transfer heat (allow heat to travel through it)
4 solid	a substance that keeps its own shape when put into a container	10 sieving	separating dry materials using a piece of equipment containing tiny holes
5 liquid	a substance that fills a container from the bottom	11 filtration	a method of separating a solid from a liquid
6 gas	a substance that completely fills a container	12 evaporation	separating a dissolved solid from a liquid by heating the solution

## **Key knowledge**

In a solid, particles can only vibrate around a fixed point.

In a liquid, particles can move around and over each other, allowing liquids to flow and be poured.

In a gas, particles are spaced out and free to move in any direction. They move quickly in straight lines, colliding with each other and the walls of their container.



## Melting and dissolving are different processes

In **melting**, only one substance is involved and the liquid and solid are the same material. Heat is needed for melting to occur. For example, a snowman melting in the sun or butter melting when you are cooking.

**Dissolving** involves two materials; the two materials together form a mixture called a solution. The dissolved substance is still present in the solution even though it can't be seen. For example, salt in sea water or sugar in a cup of tea.

A **reversible change** is a change that can be undone (ice can be melted back into water). An irreversible change cannot be undone (a cooked egg cannot be changed back to a raw egg again).