

Science – Year 4 States of Matter

	Vocabulary	
Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3
Materials	Solid	Evaporation
Heat	Liquid	Condensation
Cool	Gas	Water cycle
Temperature	Particles	Celsius (°C)
Boiling	State	Gaseous
Freezing	Melting	Volume

Useful Resources

- Round objects, including bouncy balls, to represent particles on a larger scale.
- Craft materials to make models of the water cycle.
- Different materials to demonstrate changes of state, such as water, ice and chocolate.

Key Scientists:

John Dalton (1766-1844) – was an English scientist who proposed that matter is made up of atoms that are indivisible and indestructible.





The Water Cycle



Key Questions/Facts

What are the three states of matter?

- A material may be in one of three states: solid, liquid or gas.
- Materials in a **solid** state keep their shape unless a force is applied to them.
- Solid materials always take up the same amount of space.
- Materials in a *liquid* state take the shape of the container they are in.
- Although liquids can change shape, they do not change their volume. This means they still take up the same amount of space.
- Liquids can flow or be poured.
- Materials in a gaseous state can spread out to completely fill the container they are in.
- Gases have weight.
- Gases do not keep their shape.

How do materials change state?

When a solid turns into a liquid it is called melting. The temperature at which a solid material melts is called its melting point.

When a liquid turns into a solid it is called freezing. The temperature at which a liquid material freezes is called its freezing point.

It is important to remember that some materials have freezing points above 0°C.