Year 5 – Materials (Materials and changes of state)		
Links made with		
other subjects		
The BIC Question	What are things made from and why?	
The BIG Question The BIG Outcome	What are things made from and why?Powerpoint/ poster with different objects with different materials. Children explain	
The big Outcome	how their properties allow them to achieve their purpose.	
Science objectives	- compare and group together everyday materials on the basis of their properties,	
(link to NC)	including their hardness, solubility, transparency, conductivity (electrical and thermal),	
	and response to magnets	
	- give reasons, based on evidence from comparative and fair tests, for the particular	
	uses of everyday materials, including metals, wood and plastic	
Prior knowledge	Children already know:	
What prior knowledge is	EYFS – Understanding the world - Children know about similarities and differences in	
needed for children to be successful in this unit?	relation to places, objects, materials and living things. They talk about the features of	
successful in this unit:	their own immediate environment and how environments might vary from one	
	another. They make observations of animals and plants and explain why some things	
	occur and talk about changes.	
	Yr 1 - Comparing and Identifying materials	
	Yr 2 - Changing shape and uses of material	
Future learning	Yr 4 - Changes of State This unit gives prior knowledge to:	
Consider the conceptual	KS3 -Chemical reactions as the rearrangement of atoms.	
knowledge within a	Representing chemical reactions using formulae and using equations.	
subject that pupils need	 Combustion, thermal decomposition, oxidation and displacement reactions. 	
for future learning not just the recall of facts but	Defining acids and alkalis in terms of neutralisation reactions.	
the importance of	• The pH scale for measuring acidity/alkalinity; and indicators.	
concepts		
Science strands	Related Enquiry Questions	
	Classifying	
	Based on the children's own criteria:	
	- classify the materials themselves e.g. samples of wood, metal, plastic, etc.	
	Observing over time	
	Not relevant	
	Pattern Seeking	
	Not relevant	
	Comparative testing	
	-Which material would be good for a tent? - Which material would be good to make a tea bag from?	
	- Which materials keep things warm/cold?	
	- Which material would be good for a bag for different purposes?	
	Researching	
	Not relevant	
Vocabulary/	Thermal/electrical insulator/conductor, change of state, mixture, dissolve, solution,	
Glossary	soluble, insoluble, filter, sieve, reversible/non-reversible change, burning, rusting, new	
	material, sediment	
Knowledge	The knowledge that children will learn and remember:	
(see italics for knowledge		
to remember)	1. Materials have different uses depending on their properties and state (liquid,	
	solid, gas).	



Science Scheme of Work

	 Children need to classify different objects made out of the same material using the properties of the material. (softer plastic, thinner etc)
	 Know examples and reason as to why. E.g Most fuels are liquids (rather than wood/coal) as it is easier to transport and fills containers
	 Gases could be used but are more dangerous to use due to their difficulty to contain
	 Properties include hardness, transparency, electrical and thermal conductivity and attraction to magnets.
	 Associate that different properties suit different purposes and that being really good/ or really bad at one thing does not make the material 'ineffective or useless'
	7. Some materials will dissolve in a liquid and form a solution(salt water, coffee, sugar) while others are insoluble and form sediment (pepper, sand)
SEND expectations	 Materials have different uses depending on their properties and state (liquid, solid, gas).
	2. Properties include hardness, transparency, electrical and thermal conductivity
	and attraction to magnets. 3. Some materials will dissolve in a liquid and form a solution(salt water, coffee,
	sugar) while others are insoluble and form sediment (pepper, sand)
Common misconceptions	Lots of misconceptions exist around reversible and irreversible changes, including around the permanence or impermanence of the change.
misconceptions	There is confusion between physical/chemical changes and reversible and irreversible changes.
	They do not correlate simply. Chemical changes result in a new material being formed. These are mostly irreversible.
	Physical changes are often reversible but may be permanent. These do not result in new materials e.g. cutting a loaf of bread. It is still bread, but it is no longer a loaf. The shape, but not the material, has been changed.
	Some children may think: - thermal insulators keep cold in or out
	-thermal insulators warm things up
	 solids dissolved in liquids have vanished and so you cannot get them back lit candles only melt, which is a reversible change.