

What's the science story?

An introduction to particles, particle diagrams and how materials behave in different states of matter.

Previous knowledge:

Reactions

Next steps...

Links to pressure and reactions in year 8 and 9.



Keywords

Particle, diffusion, energy, states of matter, rates of diffusion.

Working scientifically skills:

WS2 draw diagrams
WS13 constructing tables

WS17 Making conclusions

Assessments:

Exit ticket – condensation and evaporation

KS3 – Year 7

Lesson No.	Learning objectives	National Curriculum	Practical equipment
1. Particle model	ARE – Explain properties of materials based on particle arrangement. AGD – Apply knowledge to an object.	 changes of state in terms of the particle model atoms and molecules as particles 	 tripod gauze Bunsen burner heatproof mat beaker syringe filled with a gas syringe filled with a liquid syringe filled with a solid ice cube hair dryer jug with solid blocks jug with water balloon balance
2. States of matter	ARE – Use observations to decide whether something is a solid, liquid or gas. AGD – Argue how to classify substances which behave unusually as solids, liquids or gases.	 the differences in arrangements, in motion and in closeness of particles explaining changes of state, shape and density changes of state in terms of the particle model 	Beakers Balloon Wooden Block Plasticine

3. Melting and solidifying	ARE – Explain melting and solidifying in terms of changes to the energy of particles. AGD – Suggest reasons for different melting points of different substances.	conservation of material and of mass, and reversibility, in melting, changes with temperature in motion and spacing of particles the difference between chemical and physical changes	Salol Beaker Stopwatches
4. Melting and solidifying part two	ARE – display results on a graph, noting melting and solidifying temperatures. AGD – Suggest reasons for different melting points of different substances.	 conservation of material and of mass, and reversibility, in melting, changes with temperature in motion and spacing of particles internal energy stored in materials 	
5. More changes of state	ARE – Explain differences in evaporation and condensation in terms of energy and mass. AGD – Apply and link knowledge.	 conservation of material and of mass, and reversibility, in melting, freezing, evaporation, condensation, 	Beakers Perspex screen

6. More changes of state part 2	ARE – Explain sublimation and dissolving based on arrangement and movement of particles. AGD – Apply knowledge to a real life example.	 conservation of material and of mass, and reversibility, in melting, freezing, evaporation, sublimation, condensation, dissolving 	Beakers Salt
7.Freezing	ARE – Draw annotated diagrams of particles before and after freezing. AGD – Evaluate the results in a freezing investigation.	 the differences in arrangements, in motion and in closeness of particles explaining changes of state, shape and density; the anomaly of ice-water transition 	Beakers Ice
8. Diffusion	ARE – Draw annotated diagrams of particles before and after diffusion. AGD – Apply diffusion to living things.	 Brownian motion in gases diffusion in liquids and gases driven by differences in concentration 	U bend Potassium permanganate