

Knowledge Organiser

Year: 2 Subject: Science Unit: Everyday Materials

Overview:

During this sequence of learning, pupils will identify and compare the suitability of different materials including metal, wood, plastic, glass brick, rock, paper and cardboard. They will also find out how the shape of objects can be changed by squashing, bending, twisting and stretching.

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What should I already know?	Vocabulary:	
 Objects are made from different materials including: glass, plastic, wood, metal and rock. How to distinguish what an object is made from 	Absorption	When a material soaks up a liquid e.g. a sponge is absorbent.
 by looking at it. Materials can be hard, soft, strong, weak, absorbent, heavy, light, smooth and rough. 	Waterproof	Something that keeps water out e.g. a rain jacket is waterproof.
What will I know by the end of the unit?	Friction	A force that is produced when objects rub against each other.
 A range of objects that are made from different materials including wood, plastic, glass, rock, metal, brick ad paper. How to group materials based on their 	Suitability	Having the right properties for something e.g. glass is suitable for a window pane.
 properties. The difference between an object and a material - an object is a thing and the material 	Surface	The outside layer of something.
 is the stuff the object is made from. Different materials have different properties such as glass which is transparent, smooth and 	Stretch	Cause something to become longer or wider by pulling it.
hard. • Many types of plastic are waterproof, that steel (a type of metal) is strong, that rock is hard,	Twist	Form something into a different shape by taking both ends and turning it.
that cotton wool is soft, that rubber is flexible, that rock is rigid, that polystyrene (a type of	Flexible	Bends easily.
plastic) is light and that iron (a type of metal) is heavy. • Certain materials are suitable for different	Rigid	Unable to bend easily. The opposite of flexible.
objects e.g., a window pane is made from glass as it is transparent, hard, waterproof and will not	Smooth	An even surface, free from bumps.
rot. • Applying a force to an object can change its	Rough	An uneven surface.
shape e.g. plasticine can be stretched, squashed and twisted.	Conductor	A material that allows heat or electricity to travel through it.
 Some objects will return to their original shape once the force has been removed. When objects move across a surface there is friction when they rub against each other and that sometimes this friction is larger or smaller. The friction acting on an object affects the speed at which it moves on a surface. 		