

National Curriculum Links:

Distinguish between an object and the material from which it is made.

Identify and name a variety of everyday materials, including wood, plastic, glass, metal, water, and rock.

Describe the simple physical properties of a variety of everyday materials.

Compare and group together a variety of everyday materials on the basis of their simple physical properties.

Essential Prior Learning:

Children will need to recognise and name materials such as wood, plastic, glass, metal and rock.

Progression in Skill:

Use simple features to compare objects, materials and living things and, with help, decide how to sort and group them (identifying and classifying). Experience different types of science enquiries, including: performing simple tests, doing simple comparative tests.

Gather and record data to help in answering questions, communicating their ideas in a variety of ways

Use their observations and ideas

to suggest answers to questions (talk about what they have found out and how they found it out. With help, they should record and communicate their findings in a range of ways).

Long-term Memory Knowledge:

Objects can be made from different materials such as plastic, glass, metal, wood and fabric.

Designers choose to build/make things from particular materials according to the properties of the material and the purpose/function of what they are making.

Wood is strong and from a tree.

Plastic is waterproof.

Glass is fragile.

Rock is hard.

Key Vocabulary	
dull	not bright
bumpy	uneven, raised patches
smooth	having an even surface
waterproof	keeps out water
sinking	stays at the bottom of a container
	of water
floating	stays at the top of a container of
	water
materials	what something is made from
fragile	can be broken easily

Progression in Resources:

Timer

Water tray

Plastic, metal, paper, wood, glass, rock

Relevance	
Now	Children understand that certain objects are made from particular materials according to their properties; they begin to apply this, where appropriate in their learning and decision making.
Future	Children will be able to select appropriate materials based on their properties when making/repairing/purchasing things, e.g. choice of wood to repair a fence; buying waterproof waders to stand in a stream/river when fishing.
Aspiration	Children develop their knowledge of design to pursue a particular career, e.g. product tester, shipbuilder, Naval engineer. They work towards developing new materials that could replace existing ones and lessen the impact on the planet, e.g. an alternative to plastic.