Name: Due Date: Term 4 Week 8

Stage 3 Science – Mysterious Matter

Objective:

Students will investigate different materials and their properties, focusing on the concept of matter and how it can change.

Task Overview:

Students will conduct an investigation on a specific material, explore its properties, and present their findings in a creative format.

Assessment Criteria:

- Understanding of material properties and their applications (demonstrated through observations and explanations).
- Creativity and clarity in the presentation format.
- Ability to reflect on the learning experience.

Instructions

Choose an Experiment:

Select one of the following materials to investigate:

- Water
- □ Plastic (e.g., a bottle or bag)
- □ Wood (e.g., a pencil or a small piece of wood)
- □ Fabric (e.g., a piece of cloth or clothing)

Research the Material:

Use books, online resources, or other materials to gather information about your chosen material. Consider the following:

- What is the material made of?
- What are its physical properties (colour, texture, density, etc.)?
- What are its uses in everyday life?

• How does it behave under different conditions (e.g., heat, pressure)?

Conduct Simple Investigations:

Perform at least two simple experiments or tests to explore the properties of your material. Some ideas include:

- Water: Freeze it to observe changes in state and measure temperature before and after.
- **Plastic:** Test its flexibility by bending it and observing if it returns to its original shape.
- Wood: Check for buoyancy by placing it in water.
- Fabric: Test its absorbency by dropping water on it.

Record Your Observations:

- The material tested
- Description of the tests conducted
- Observations during each test
- Any changes observed in the material

Make a poster demonstrating your findings

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What is the material made of and what are its physical properties?

Properties: Can you describe its colour, texture or density?

What are its uses in everyday life?

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What happens to the material under different conditions?		
Heat, cold, pressure etc.		
Describe your two simple experiments		
Experiment 1	Experiment 2	
Experiment 1	Experiment 2	
what equipment will you need?	what equipment will you need?	
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Describe the process of your	Describe the process of your
investigation:	investigation:
How did you set it up? What did you do	How did you set it up? What did you do
first? What did you do next? What did you	first? What did you do next? What did you
last?	last?
Set up:	Set up:
First:	First:

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Then:	Then:

Last	Last

Record your observations

What did you observe during your experiment?

Did you observe any changes in the material?

Draw a diagram of what you observed

Reflection

Write one paragraph summarising your investigation and findings:

Prompts to consider for your summary:

What did you learn about your material? How do the properties of the material affect its uses? Were there any challenges you faced during your investigation?

Create a poster

Create a poster that includes:

- Title of your investigation
- Information about the material (properties and uses)
- Observations and results from your tests
- Drawings or photos of your experiments