Knowledge Organiser Science Year 5 Properties and changes of materials



Key Vocabulary			
Absorbent	Able to soak up liquid easily		
Electrical conductor	Allows electricity to pass through		
Electrical insulator	Does not allow electricity to pass through		
Flexible	Bends easily without breaking		
Opaque	Not clear. Blocks light so that none gets through		
Property	A characteristic of a material that can be observed		
Non-reflective	Does not reflect light		
Reflective	Reflects light		
Rigid	Unable to bend or be forced out of shape		
Transparent	Clear, see-through, lets light pass through		
Translucent	Almost see through, lets some light through		
Waterproof	Does not let water pass through it		

Materials				
Natural	Manufactured			
A natural material is a product that comes from plants, animals, or the ground	A manufactured material is made from natural materials using chemical processes			

Material	Properties	Uses
wood	opaque hard strong	table
metal	shiny smooth reflective	fork
plastic	waterproof bendy translucent	water bottle
glass	transparent waterpoof hard	window
brick	hard rough dull	wall
rock	strong hard rigid	fireplace
paper	tears easily translucent flexible	book
cardboard	dull non-reflective opaque	boxes
fabric	flexible Soft absorbent	clothes