## Knowledge Organiser • Particle and Chemical Reactions • Year 6

# Properties of the particles in the three states of matter

Solid

Particles are very close together

In a regular pattern

Particles cannot move but can vibrate Liquid Particles

other

Particles are close together In a random arrangement Particles can

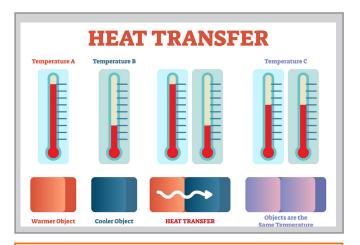
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Gas

Particles are far apart from each other

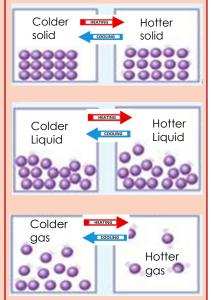
In a random arrangement

Moving constantly in all directions



## Effect of heat on particles

- Heating particles makes them move more.
- In solids, they vibrate more in their fixed position.
- In liquids and gases, they move more quickly.
- As a result, substances expand when they are heated and contract when they are cooled.



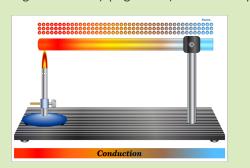
Heat transfer takes place when heat moves from a hotter object to a colder object.

Thermal equilibrium is reached when the heat is evenly spread between two or more objects.

Heat conduction - the process of heat energy being passed on between two objects in contact

Good conductors – materials that allow heat to pass through them easily (e.g. metals, graphite)

Good insulators - materials that DO NOT allow heat to pass through them easily (e.g cloth, plastic, wood)



### **Uses of Conductors**

- Heating elements (e.g. the hot bits of toasters)
- Saucepans that contain food to be cooked
- From radiators
- Cooling fins on computers and car engines

#### **Uses of Insulators**

- Handles of saucepans
- Oven gloves
- The materials that coats are made from
- Through hot drinks containers
- Hair on your head or the fur coat of an animal