Scientific Questioning

Concept: Materials

Year group	Key questions	Vocabulary
R	Knowledge and Understanding of the world – floating and sinking	Float, sink, materials, heavy, light.
1	Do you know what materials object are made from? Can you name a variety of everyday materials? Can you describe the features of everyday materials?	Materials, glass, wood, rock, plastic, metal, properties, brick
2	Do you understand the suitability of materials? How can you change the shape of solid objects?	Squash, squeeze, twisting, stretching, bending, suitability, suitable, unsuitable, John Dunlop, Charles Macintosh or John McAdam
3 – Rocks	How are fossils formed? Can you identify different types of rocks and how they are made? How is soil created?	Fossils, bedrock, rock soil, clay, grass, layers, vegetation, mountains, organic matter, decomposing, archaeologists.
4 – state of matter	Can you organise materials into solids, liquids and gases? What happens when materials are cooled and heated? Do you understand the process of the water cycle?	Solids, liquids and gases
5 – properties and changes	Can you identify the properties of everyday materials? Can you identify materials that will dissolve and form a solution? Can you explain how to recover a substance from a solution? Can you find a solution to separate different materials?	Dissolve, solution, solubility, transparency, conductivity, magnetism, liquid, substance, solids, gases, separation, filtering, sieving,
		evaporating, comparative, fair test,

Can you use a comparative and fair test to sugg	gest uses for metals, woods, plastic. Reversible.
everyday materials?	Chemists – such as Spencer Silver (sticky
Can you explain how dissolving, mixing and cha	nges of state are notes) and Ruth Benerito (wrinkle-free
reversible?	cotton)
Can you describe how new materials are create	ed by changes of
state, and are not usually reversible?	