















Year 2 Knowledge Organiser—Changing Materials

Materials are the **substance** things are made from. We see lots of different materials each day and some materials can be used to make many things.

Materials can be made to behave in different ways, based on their properties.

Twisting		Bending		Stretching		Squashing	
							
Twisting can form a material into a curled or coiled shape.		Bending can force or shape a material into a curve or angle .		Stretching materials can make materials longer, or wider, without tearing or breaking them.		Squashing means to crush or squeeze a material using force. It becomes flat, or out of shape.	
String	Pipe cleaner	Metal spoon	Ruler	Elastic band	Blu Tac	Playdough	Sponge
							

Developing Materials

John Dunlop lived in Northern Ireland. In 1888, he was watching his son riding a bike across the cobbled streets. This was a painful, as the tyres were solid and he felt every bump. To make the ride more comfortable John developed the pneumatic (air-filled) rubber tyre. His tyre cushioned the bumps making riding easier and smoother.	
Charles Macintosh was a Scottish chemist. In 1823, he painted liquid rubber onto pieces of woollen cloth and pressed them together. He found his new fabric was not only waterproof but flexible enough to make into clothing. His invention led to the creation of the modern raincoat, which was named after him – the mackintosh.	
John McAdam was a Scottish engineer and road builder. In 1816, he invented a way of building roads which were smoother, more durable and less muddy. His roads had a curved surface so water ran off, rather than formed puddles. Later, tar was used to make the surfaces we see today – tarmacadam or tarmac for short.	