Table 3: Mixing and Melting Materials CoRe by the year 1 team

PEDAGOGICAL QUESTIONS/ PROMPTS	KEY IDEA Dissolving and melting are two ways of changing materials	KEY IDEA Energy is needed to make a change
What you intend the students to learn about this idea	 When materials change they often look different Melting is turning a solid into a liquid Dissolving is a special kind of mixing. When a material dissolves, it is still there, even though it seems to have disappeared. We can use our senses to explore this Some types of changes can be reversed but not others – sugar and salt are reversible A solid can be a liquid. A liquid can be a solid 	 » Energy is heat in different forms » You need to add or takeaway energy to make a change » Melting always requires the heat of energy » Dissolving is usually sped up by the addition of heat » Heat needs to be removed for the material to solidify » Some materials need less heat to melt than others
Why is it important for the students to know this?	 An awareness of dissolving and melting materials is relevant to our everyday life How materials can be reused/recycled – different uses Some changes can be reversed – cause and effect 	 An awareness of dissolving and melting materials is relevant to our everyday life Energy has more than one meaning Different uses of heat Cause and effect Personal safety. Awareness of safety in relation to heat in everyday contexts
What else do you know about this idea (that you do not intend students to know yet)	» Conservation of matter» The terms 'permanent' and 'temporary'	» Fire triangle – burning: fuel/source/heat
Difficulties connected with teaching this idea	 Teacher knowledge and understanding of science concepts/Concepts go against children's preconceived ideas and conceptions/Abstract understanding of dissolving and mixing/Linking to developmental level and experience, ESOL, language needs/Safety issues involved with using heat to conduct experiments with young children – risk management/Resourcing and availability/Parental help required 	
Knowledge about student thinking which influences teaching about this idea	 Experiences will be varied Idea that things disappear – change of state Idea that you can't reverse a change of state Confusion between melting and dissolving 	 Experiences will be varied Understanding of the term 'energy' in relation to a heat source
Other factors that influence your teaching of this idea	» See difficulties connected with teaching this idea	
Teaching procedures (and particular reasons for using these to engage with this idea)	 Hands-on experiments/Looking at the world around them (school and home)/Observations/Asking questions - "I wonder"/Word wall in classroom/Recording observations/Comparing observations with predictions (reflecting)/Explanations using pictures and diagrams/Picture journal and class journal/Shared writing – a record of our journey 	
Ways of ascertaining student understanding or confusion about the idea	 Hands-on experiments/Looking at the world around them (school and home)/Observations/Asking questions - "I wonder"/Word wall in classroom/Recording observations/Comparing observations with predictions (reflecting)/Explanations using pictures and diagrams/Picture journal and class journal/Shared writing – a record of our journey 	