



**KS2 CROSS-CURRICULAR WORDS AND DEFINITIONS**

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| **luminous** | emitting or reflecting usually steady, suffused, or glowing light |
| **transparent** | allowing light to pass through so that objects behind can be distinctly seen. |
| **translucent** | allowing light, but not detailed shapes, to pass through; semi-transparent. |
| **opaque** | not able to be seen through; not transparent. |
| **source** | a place, person, or thing from which something originates or can be obtained |
| **spectrum** | a band of colours, as seen in a rainbow, produced by separation of the components of light |
| **magnetic** | capable of being attracted by or acquiring the properties of a magnet. |
| **repel** | when the magnetic pole or electric field force (something similarly magnetized or charged) away from itself |
| **unbalanced** | not equal |
| **civilisation** | the society, culture, and way of life of a particular area. |
| **abandoned** | having been deserted or left. |
| **ancient** | belonging to the very distant past and no longer in existence. |
| **whistle** | device that makes a shrill sound |
| **vibration** | something moving to and fro very quickly |
| **volume** | loudness |
| **pitch** | how high or low a sound is. |
| **eardrum** | a membrane inside the ear. |
| **tuba** | low pitched brass musical instrument. |
| **friction** | When something rubs against something else |
| **sarcophagus** | A stone coffin carved with intricate detail |
| **archaeologist** | A person who studies ancient civilisations by digging for the remains |
| **gravitational** | The force of gravity (adjective) |
| **resistance** | resisting something |