N5 ELECTRICITY & ENERGY

1. Changes of State

- When ice at its melting point of 0°C gains heat energy, it changes into water at 0°C.
- When the process is reversed, water at its freezing point of 0°C loses energy, it changes into ice at 0°C.

In all changes of state, energy is released or absorbed but there is no change in temperature.

2. Specific Latent Heat

Watch this video:

https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/guides/zg6bdxs/video



The specific latent heat (l) of a substance is the energy involved in changing the state of 1kg of substance without any temperature change.

 $E_h = ml$

Specific latent heat (l) is measured in Jkg-1.

Each substance has two specific latent heats:

- 1. latent heat of **fusion** (the amount of energy needed to <u>solidify</u> or <u>melt</u> the substance at its melting point)
- latent heat of vaporisation (the amount of energy needed to evaporate or condense the substance at its boiling point)



