Activity Sheet; Cornflour and Water

A liquid or a solid? You can be the judge!

You will need:

- √ Cornflour
- ✓ Water
- ✓ Plastic tray or bowl
- ✓ Tablespoon

Instructions:

- 1. Put 4 tablespoons of cornflour in to a bowl.
- 2. Slowly add water until the cornflour turns into a thick liquid.
- 3. Stir the cornflour and see if you think it is a liquid or a solid.
- 4. Put some into the palm of your hand and roll it in to a ball, see what happens when you stop.

What is happening?

Cornflour particles are suspended in water so it appears in a liquid form but when you apply force to it, the particles lock together and work as a solid. As soon as the force stop the particles go back to the liquid form.

