Science Knowledge Organiser

Y8 Reactions: Types of reaction

Key Terms:	
Catalysts	Substances that speed up chemical reactions but are unchanged at the end.
Chemical bond	Force that holds atoms together in molecules.
Chemical reaction	A change in which atoms are rearranged to create new substances.
Combustion	A chemical reaction in which a substance reacts quickly with oxygen and gives out light and heat
Conservation of mass.	In a chemical reaction, the total mass of reactants is equal to the total mass of products.
Conserved:	When the quantity of something does not change after a process takes place.
Fuel.	Stores energy in a chemical store which it can release as heat.
Physical change	One that changes the physical properties of a substance, but no new substance is formed.
Product.	A substance that is made in a chemical reaction. Shown after the reaction arrow in an equation.
Reactant.	A starting substance in a chemical reaction. Substances that react together, shown before the arrow in an equation.
Thermal decomposition	Uses thermal (heat) energy to break down a compound.