Thermal Energy Experiments

Experiment 1: Water and Density

Materials:

- Clear large container
- Ice cubes (dyed blue)
- Food colouring (a different colour than blue)
- Hot water
- Little container
- Room temperature water

Instructions:

- 1. Make blue ice cubes
- 2. Fill the large container with room temperature water
- 3. Fill the small container with food colouring and hot water
- 4. Gently lay a few ice cubes to one side of the container
- 5. Gently pour the hot water to the other side of the container
- 6. Give it a few moments and observe what happens

Experiment 2: Water Tower

Materials:

- Two of the same glass jars
- Plastic sheet
- Tray
- Stir sticks
- Two colours of food colouring

Instructions:

- 1. Fill one jar with cold water and one jar with hot water to the brim
- 2. Put different colours of food dye in each jar and mix carefully
- 3. Place the jars in the tray
- 4. Place the plastic sheet on top of the cold jar of water so it forms a vacuum
- 5. Flip the cold jar on top of the hot jar and line up the edges
- 6. Carefully remove the plastic sheet and observe
- 7. Repeat, but place the hot jar on top of the cold jar