



Topic	Forces and Magnets	Year/s	3 & 4	Term	Autumn
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What I should know already

Forces and magnets has not been taught before.

I should know about working scientifically:



Research



Observation



Fair testing



Identifying, grouping and classifying



Problem solving



Pattern seeking

Important facts

A force is a push or a pull that can:

1. Start
2. Stop
3. Speed up
4. Slow down

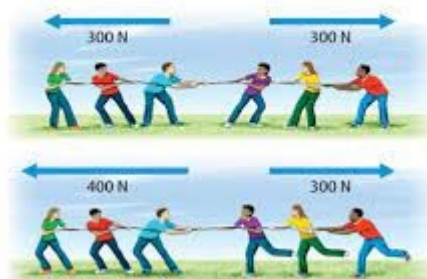
- A magnet either attracts or repels another magnet.
- Not all forces need contact

Vocabulary

Forces	A push or pull that starts, stops, speeds
Magnets	A piece of metal that can pull certain
Attract	Magnetic fields pull towards each other.
Repel	Magnetic fields push away from each other.
Friction	A force between 2 surfaces.
Gravity	The force that pulls everything to the
Air resistance	A force that is caused by air.
Upthrust	Upward force on a liquid (or gas).

Key knowledge/diagrams

Balanced and Unbalanced Forces



What I should know by then end of this unit

- I can explore and describe how objects move on different surfaces.
- I can explain how some forces require contact and some do not, giving examples.
- I can explore and explain how objects attract and repel in relation to objects and other magnets.
- I can predict whether objects will be magnetic and carry out an enquiry to test this out.
- I can describe how magnets work.
- I can predict whether magnets will attract or repel and give a reason.