

Progression of knowledge science – Movement, Forces and Magnets (Physics)

Threshold Concepts This concept involves understanding what causes motion.	EYFS	Year 1	Year 3	Year 5
 KS 1 Notice and describe how things move, using simple comparisons such as faster and slower. Compare how different things move. LKS2 Compare how things move on different surfaces. Notice that some forces need contact between two objects, but magnetic forces can act at a distance. Observe how magnets attract or repel each other and attract some materials and not others. Compare and group together a variety of everyday materials on the basis of whether they are attracted to a magnet, and identify some magnetic materials. Describe magnets as having two poles. Predict whether two magnets will attract or repel each other, depending on which poles are facing. UKS2 Magnets 	 Explore how things work Explore and talk about different forces they can feel Talk about the differences between materials and changes they notice Explore the natural world around them Describe what they see, hear, and feel whilst outside 	Observe and describe different ways of moving Identify similarities and differences between movement of different objects Make suggestions about how objects can be made to move Explore contact forces (push and pull) Explore how objects sink or float Know that it is not only ourselves that make things move and ask questions about what is causing movement	Compare how things move on different surfaces Notice that some forces need contact between two objects, but magnetic forces can act at a distance Describe magnets as having two poles Observe how magnets attract or repel each other and attract some materials and not others Predict whether two magnets will attract and repel each other, depending on which poles are facing Compare and group together a variety of everyday materials on the basis of whether they are attracted to a magnet, and identify some magnetic materials	Newton and know that force is measured in Newtons by a Newton Meter Explain that unsupported objects fall towards the Earth because of the force of gravity acting between the Earth and the falling object Identify the effects of air resistance Identify the effects of friction acting between moving surfaces Recognise that some mechanisms, including levers, pulleys and gears, allow a smaller force to have a greater affect

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Forces			
Explain that unsupported objects			
fall towards the Earth because of the			
force of gravity acting between the			
Earth and the falling object.			
 Identify the effect of drag forces, 			
such as air resistance, water			
resistance and friction that act			
between moving surfaces.			
 Describe, in terms of drag forces, 			
why moving objects that are not			
driven tend to slow down.			
Understand that force and motion			
can be transferred through			
mechanical devices such as gears,			
pulleys, levers and springs.			
Understand that some mechanisms			
including levers, pulleys and gears,			
allow a smaller force to have a			

Progression of skills to KS3 are detailed on Magnets and Forces / trust science sheets

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