

Theale Primary School



Topic: Forces

Year: 3

	Key Knowledge	
What is a force?	A force is a push or pull on an object which can cause it to move, change speed, direction	
u jorce:	or shape. Force is measured in Newtons (N).	
What is	A force that acts between two surfaces or	
friction?	objects that are moving, or trying to move,	
	across each other.	
What is	Magnets produce an area of magnetic force	
a	called a magnetic field. Magnetic fields	
magnet?	cannot be seen; however, their effect can be	
	seen using iron filings.	
Poles	North and south poles are found at	
apart?	different ends of a magnet.	
	Like poles repel (push apart).	
	Opposite poles attract (pull together)	
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Are all	Most magnetic materials are metals.	
materials	However, not all metals are attracted to	
affected	magnets. Objects that contain iron, nickel or	
by	cobalt are attracted to magnets.	
magnets?		

How does friction vary?

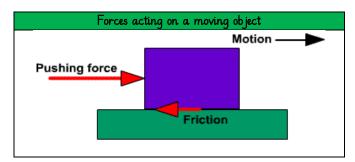
Different surfaces create different amounts of **friction**. The amount of **friction** created by an object moving over a surface depends on the roughness of the surface and the object, and the force between them.

Friction pushes

slowing it down

on the bike,



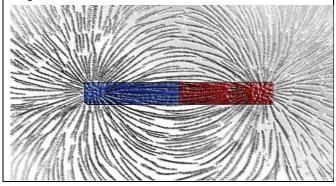


Investigate

How strong are magnets? Which materials are attracted to a magnet (magnetic)? What everyday objects use magnets?

Diagram - Magnetic field

A magnetic field is invisible. You can see the magnetic field here though. This is what happens when iron filings are placed on top of a piece of paper with a magnet underneath.



Key Vocabulary	
force	A push or pull on an object which can cause it to move, change speed, direction or shape. Measured in Newtons (N)
friction	The resistance of motion when one object rubs against another. Friction causes objects to slow down, and the energy becomes heat.
attract	To pull towards.
repel	To push away. The opposite of attract
poles	A magnet has two ends called poles: a north pole and a south pole. The north pole of one magnet attracts the south pole of a second magnet. The north pole of one magnet repels the north pole of a second magnet. The south pole of one magnet repels the south pole of a second magnet.
magnet	A material or object that produces a magnetic field. It attracts or repels other magnets and attracts magnetic materials, including iron.
magnetic	A material that is attracted to (moves towards) a magnet.
non- magnetic	A material that is not attracted towards a magnet.