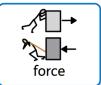
Forces and magnets Year 3

Key vocabulary



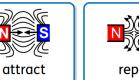














A **force** is the push or pull of an object in a particular direction. They make things move or stop moving.



PUSH A push is the force that moves an object away from something.



PULL

A pull is the force that brings an object towards something.



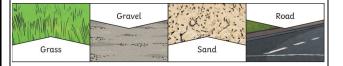
Different surfaces

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.

The driving force pushes the bicycle, making it move.



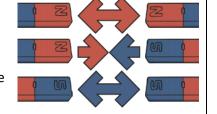
Friction pushes on the bicycle, slowing it down.



Magnets

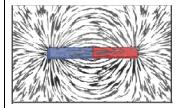
Magnets create a 'magnetic force' - this is a force that causes objects to attract (pull closer together) or repel (push further apart).

A 'magnetic force' does not need objects to touch one another. It can act at a distance.



Magnets have 2 poles—a north pole and a south pole.

If you put the same poles together, they will repel.



If you put opposite poles together, they will attract.

A **magnetic field** is the area in which a magnetic force can be felt. This is invisible. However, spreading iron filings over the magnetic field allows us to see that magnetic field, as the filings cling to it.



These objects contain iron, nickel or cobalt. Not all metals are magnetic.



These objects do not contain iron, nickel or cobalt.

Knowledge objective	Self- assessment (√)
I can compare how things move on different surfaces.	
I can notice that some forces need contact between 2 objects, but magnetic forces can act at a distance.	
I can observe how magnets attract or repel each other and attract some materials and not others.	
I can 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.	
I can describe magnets as having 2 poles.	
I can predict whether 2 magnets will attract or repel each other, depending on which poles are facing.	