

Spelling

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West Leigh Junior School—Knowledge Organiser



Science Focus: Forces Year 5 Autumn Term

Key Knowledge				
What is a	A force is either a push or a pull. A force happens			
force?	A force is either a push or a pull. A force happens when two objects interact—that is, when one ob-			
	ject does something to the other object. When the			
	interaction stops, the force stops, too.			

What effects can forces have?

Forces can make objects:

Speed up	Slow down





Change direction



effort	The force applied to make the object			
	move.			
force	A force is a push or a pull on an ob-			
	ject.			
forcemeter	A way of measuring some kinds of			
	force by using a spring in a tube.			
fulcrum	The point at which a lever pivots.			
gravity	The force that attracts a body to-			
	wards the centre of the earth.			
lever	A long rigid body with a fulcrum along			
	its length.			
load	The object that you are lifting.			
Newton	A unit used to measure force.			
pulley	A wheel with a grooved rim around			
	which a cord passes, which acts to			
	change the direction of a force ap-			
	plied to the cord and is used to raise			
	heavy weights.			
resistance	An opposing force.			

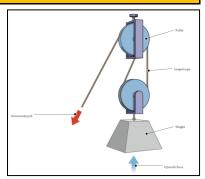
Key Vocabulary

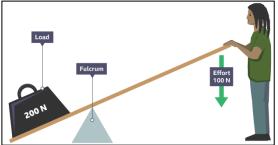
Definition

Levers and pulleys reduce the force required to move objects.

sistance to air or water.

A shape presenting the least re-





Types of Force:					
Magnetism	Magnets attract or repel each other, or other ob-				
	jects.	N. Oppo	S N S Sosites Attract!		

- Friction Friction happens when two surfaces touch each other
 - Friction gives us grip
 - Friction produces heat
 - Rougher surfaces slow things down a lo
 - Smoother surfaces don't slow things down

Air Resistance



Air resistance or drag, acts against gravity on falling objects. It is a type of friction between air and another material. For example, when an aeroplane flies through the air, air particles hit the aeroplane making it more difficult for it to move through the air.

Water Resistance



Water resistance is a type of friction between water and another material. If you go swimming, there is friction between your skin and the water particles.

Streamlining

How can we reduce air and water resistance?

Some shapes, known as streamlined shapes, cause less resistance than others. Aeroplanes and cars are streamlined, so that they move through the air as easily as possible.

Gravity is the forces that pulls objects down towards the centre of the Earth. Gravity stops things from floating away into space. When things go into the air (like a football) gravity pulls them back down.

Gravity

Famous Scientist Sir Isaac No	ewton

Sir Isaac Newton (1642-1726) was an English physicist and mathematician. He is most famous for his work on the laws of motion, optics, gravity and calculus. Newton understood that gravity makes things fall to the Earth. He invented the law of gravitation.

