River View Primary School

Topic: Forces and Magnets

What should I already know?

• The shapes of some materials can be changed. By pulling or pushing we can stretch, twist, bend or squash materials.

What will I know by the end of the unit?	
What are forces?	 Forces are pushes and pulls that can change the way an object moves. For example, when a cyclist pushes down on their pedals, a bike moves. The harder they push, the faster the bike goes. In a tug of war, each team pulls the rope. The team with the greatest force will win.
How do surfaces affect movement?	 Some surfaces create more friction than others, which means that objects move across them more slowly.
	grass gravel carpet concrete sand wood
What are magnets?	 Magnets attract magnetic objects without touching them. Magnets will only attract magnetic objects.
Which materials are magnetic?	 Iron and steel are magnetic. Aliminium and copper are non- magnetic.
How do magnetic poles work?	 The ends of magnets are called poles. One end is the north pole, the other the south pole. Opposite poles attract each other, so a north pole will attract a south pole. If the same poles face each other they will move away from (repel) each other.

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Vocabulary	
attract	when one object causes another object to move towards it
contact	when two objects touch each other
friction	the resistance of movement when there is contact between two surfaces
force	the pulling or pushing effect that something has on something else
gravity	the force that causes things to drop to the ground
magnet	a piece of material which attracts magnetic materials towards it
metal	a hard material such as iron, steel, gold or lead
non- magnetic	an object that is not magnetic
opposite	north and south are opposite directions
pull	to use force to move something toward you
push	to use force to move something away from you
repel	when one object causes another object to move away from it
resistance	a force which slows down a moving object or vehicle
surface	the flat top part of something or the outside of it

Data Handling

Collect results using a table and produce a bar chart where appropriate.

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