

Hollingworth Primary School Knowledge Organiser

Topic: Forces

Year: 5

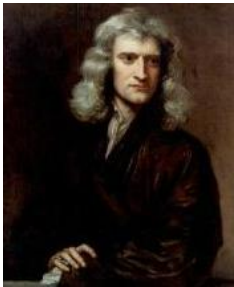
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Famous Scientist

Mechanisms

Vocabulary Dozen

Isaac Newton (1643-1727) was an English scientist, mathematician and astronomer. He is considered one of the most important scientists in history.



During his lifetime, Newton developed the theory of gravity, the laws of motion (which became the basis for physics), and a new type of mathematics called calculus.

He also made breakthroughs in the area of optics such as the reflecting telescope.

What should I already know?

- 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 but not others.
- Compare and group together a variety of everyday materials on the basis of whether they are attracted to a magnet, and identify some1 magnetic materials.
- Describe magnets as having two poles.
- Predict whether two magnets will attract or repel.

Pulley

Lever

How Does a Lever Work?

Gear

air resistance	a type of friction caused by air pushing against any moving object
forces	a process that causes a change in an object’s shapes, speed or direction
friction	a force that acts between two surfaces that are moving
gears	a toothed wheel that works with others to change the speed, force or direction of a mechanism
gravity	a pulling force exerted by the Earth
lever	a rigid bar resting on a pivot that is used to move a heavy object
mechanism	parts which work together in a machine for example pulleys, levers and gears
pulley	a wheel with a grooved rim around that changes the direction of a force
simple machine	a basic mechanical device for applying a force
streamlined	when an object is shaped to minimise the effects of air or water resistance
water resistance	a type of friction caused by water pushing against any moving object
weight	the measure of the force of gravity on an object

- A force is acting on an object when it changes its shape, speed or direction.
- There are two types of forces: contact forces (like pushes and pulls) and forces acting at a distance (like gravity).
- When an object is still, the forces acting on that object are balanced and equal.