



Year group: Nursery

Area/topic: Forces

(objectives from NC/ELG/Development matters)

- *Explore how things work (Understanding the world)
- *Explore and talk about different forces they can feel (Understanding the world)
- *Talk about the differences between materials and changes they notice.(Understanding the world)

| Prior learning | Future learning |
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| *Repeat actions that have an effect. (Birth to three) | *Explore the natural world around them. (Reception) |
| | *Describe what they see, hear and feel whilst outside. (Reception) |
| | *Find out how the shapes of solid objects made from some materials can be |
| | changed by squashing, bending, twisting and stretching. (Y2 - Uses of everyday) |
| | materials) |
| | *Compare how things move on different surfaces. (Y3 - Forces and magnets) |
| | *Observe how magnets attract or repel each other and attract some materials |
| | and not others. (Y3 - Forces and magnets) |
| | *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. |
| | (Y3 - Forces and magnets) |
| | *Describe magnets as having two poles. (Y3 - Forces and magnets) |
| | *Predict whether two magnets will attract or repel each other, depending on |
| | which poles are facing, (Y3 - Forces and magnets) |
| | *Recognise that some mechanisms, including levers, pulleys and gears, allow a |
| | smaller force to have a greater effect. (Y5 - Forces) |

Working scientifically & encouraging scientific enquiry

Comparative testing

- *Compare the path of different wind-up toys.
- *Compare how far different wind-up toys move.
- *Compare the speed and direction of gears.
- *Compare how easy or hard it is to lift an object with or without a pulley.
- *Compare how easy it is to ride a scooter or bike on different surfaces.

- Classification
 *Sort objects according to whether they float or sink.
 *Sort objects/materials according to whether their shape can be changed.

| What pupils need to know or do to be secure | | | |
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| Key knowledge and skills | | Possible evidence | |
| Key knowledge and skills Children will be taught to: *Push floating objects under the water and encouraged by an adult to talk about how it feels the further they push the object. E.g. Balloons, tennis balls etc. *Explore what happens if they release an object under water. *Explore how objects/materials can change through pulling, pushing, twisting, bending etc. *Join materials. *Explore magnets of different shapes and sizes. *Talk about how magnets push away or pull towards each other. *Use bikes and scooters on different surfaces and ramps. *Explore using springs of different sizes, both compression and extension springs. *Predict if items will float or sink. *Talk about how the shape of objects can be changed. *Talk about how materials can be joined together. *Talk about how toys containing springs, wind-up toys, pulleys and gear toys work. *Encouraged to ask questions about forces such as "What happens if I?' Key vocabulary. Object, float, sink, water, up, down, top, bottom, push, pull, magnet, spring, squash, bend, twist, stretch, turn, spin, smooth, rough, fast, slow. | | *Can identify objects that float and sink. *Can identify objects whose shape can be changed and talk about how they changed their shape. *Can describe what they feel when exploring magnets. *Can describe what they feel and see when pushing, pulling, bending and twisting objects e.g. springs, elastics, wind-up toys, gears, pulleys etc. *Can describe what they feel when riding bikes and scooters on different surfaces and ramps: | |
| Expose children to supplementary vocabulary such as: Rising, falling, attract, repel, faster, slower, pulley, gear, elastic | | | |
| Common misconceptions | Books linking to this area | | |
| Some children may think: *Big objects sink *Heavy objects sink *An object such as an ice cube which is partially submerged is floating and sinking at the same time. | Traditional stories and nursery rhymes *Wind the Bobbin Up Other texts *And Everyone Shouted "Pull" by Claire Llewellyn *Oscar and the Cricket by Geoff Waring, *Newton and Me by Lynne Mayer *Astrokittens: Cosmic Machines by Dominic Walliman & Ben Newman *The Little Red Train: The Runaway Train by Benedict Blathwayt *Dig Dig Digging by Margaret Mayo *It's Only Stanley by Jon Agee | | |

| Memorable first hand experiences | Opportunities for communication |
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| *Children to be visited by a builder or plumber: *Bring toys to school to share with others. | *Children to be given opportunities for communication with partners, groups and whole class to discuss as completing practical activities. *Adults to model and encourage discussion during play. |
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Reasonable adjustments for pupils with SEND

Communication and Interaction

*Visual aids, pictures of equipment with words labelled, word mats with pictures for key words in that lesson.

*Freedom to explore scientific equipment and investigate in own way.

*Hands on experiences to encourage communication and interaction with others.

*Pre teaching any new vocabulary.

Cognition and Learning

*Opportunity for lots of hands on exploration and verbally sharing thoughts and ideas:

*Freedom to explore scientific equipment and processes.

*Pre teaching new vocabulary or concepts.

*Activities adapted if needed for safety and ease.
*Visual aids, pictures of equipment, mats with key words and pictures

*Learning recorded through photos and adult quotes, children not expected to write for recording their understanding.

*Using working walls to aid learning and remind of previous learning.

Social, Emotional and Mental health,

- *Awareness of individual needs, any potential triggers within the curriculum and the child's background.
- *Pre prepare children for any activity they could find triggering or difficult in some way.
- *Practical activities or experiments to be completed within a smaller group or 1:1 if
- *If the class are sharing their learning within a large group, take the child in a smaller focus group if they struggle with social situations.

 *Adjustments made where needed to suit individual.

Sensory and Physical

- *Adult support with any practical activities.
- *Awareness of the individual's likes or dislikes and their own reactions to sensory activities.
- *If a child enjoys sensory activities, then plan for this wherever possible within the lesson: