St John's Primary School: Science knowledge organisers Year group: Year 5 Science focus: Forces

Key knowledge:		
Types of forces		
Magnetism	North and South attract	
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	North and North or South and South	
	repel	
Air	Air resistance slows down moving	
resistance	objects, because air slows you down as	
	you move through it.	
	To travel faster through the air, things	
	need to be streamlined.	
Water	Water resistance slows down moving	
resistance	objects, because water slows you down	
	as you move through it.	
	To travel faster through the water,	
	things need to be streamlined.	
Friction	Friction happens when two surfaces	
	touch each other.	
	Friction gives us grip and produces	
	heat.	
	Rougher surfaces slow things down a	
	lot whereas smoother surfaces don't	
	slow things down as much.	
Gravity		
Gravity is the	e force that pulls objects down to the	
centre of the	centre of the earth.	
Gravity stops things from floating away into space.		
When an object go into the air (like a football),		
gravity pulls the object back down.		

Key concepts:

Explaining	Recognising	
Identifying	Comparing	

Possible experiences:

Design, make and test parachutes by dropping them off of the pirate ship.

Test water resistance when swimming during swimming lessons.

Recognise the impact of mechanisms on forces when using pulleys, levers and gears during technology lessons.

Key vocabulary:

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Streamlined	A shape that presents the least
	amount of distance in air or water
Surface	The top layer of something
Grip	To have a good connection with a
	surface
Drag	To cause something to slow down
Centre	This middle of something
Lever	A simple machine used to move an
	object or operate a machine.
Pulley	A wheel which a cord passes through;
	it helps to raise heavy weights.
Mass	The measure of how much matter is
	in an object.
Gear	Toothed wheel that engages with
	another to change speed or direction
	of a machine.

Diagrams:



