# Forces Knowledge Mat

# What should I already know?

- Know what a force is and be able to explain that a push and pull are types of forces. That when forces are applied to an object they allow them to move or stop moving. The strength of the force determines how far and fast an object moves. Friction is the resistance of motion when there is contact between two surfaces The force that causes objects to move downwards towards the ground is gravity.
- That magnets have poles, and that opposite poles attract, while similar poles repel.

#### Subject Specific Vocabulary **Acceleration** an increase in speed Air resistance a force which resists motion through air Data bits of information you have gathered about something you are investigating **Deceleration** a decrease in speed a force which resists motion Drag through a fluid, a fluid being anything that can flow e.g. liquids, gases information or measurements Evidence you use to help you come to a conclusion **Friction** a force which resists the motion of objects sliding over each other something which will affect **Force** either the movement or shape of an object Gravity attraction between physical objects, easily noticeable when one of the objects is massive, such as the Earth Motion a move or change in position

something which could change

in value, such as time or

a force which resists motion

the force on an object due to

temperature

gravity

through water

**Variables** 

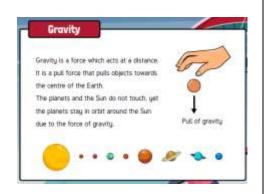
Weight

Water resistance

### **Key Knowledge**

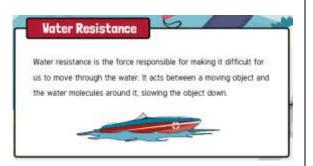
#### **Forces**

A force is a push or pull that acts upon an object. We can't see forces, but they are an important part of our everyday lives. We push and pull objects to do many different things. When we push or pull objects we can move the object, change the shape of the object or make the object change direction.



#### Air Resistance

Air resistance is a force that acts in the opposite direction to gravity. It acts between a moving object and the air molecules around it, slowing the object down. Air resistance is a type of friction. Parachutes are used to increase air resistance and sibre down the parachutist, so they can land safely. Modern cars and planes are streamlined in design to reduce air resistance, allowing them to move faster.



#### Friction

Friction is a force created between two surfaces when they rub together. Friction creates heat and always slows down an object. Rough surfaces create more friction than smooth surfaces.



### Did you know?



Issac Newton was a scientist who developed the first description of the force of gravity. Newton said that he started thinking about gravity after watching an apple fall from a tree but it did not actually hit him on the head, as it is often claimed!