Science-how do forces affect us?

Vocabulary	Definition
forces.	Pushes or pulls that act on an object that can change its speed, shape or direction.
gravity	A pulling force exerted by the Earth (or anything else which has a mass).
air resistance	A force that acts on an object when it moves through the air, causing it to slow down.
water resistance	A force that acts on an object when it moves through water, causing it to slow down.
weight	The measure of the force of gravity acting on an object.
mass.	A measure of how much matter is inside an object. Our mass is the same anywhere in the universe.
friction	A force that acts between two surfaces or moving objects.
velocity	An objects speed in a particular direction.
acceleration	How much an objects velocity changes.

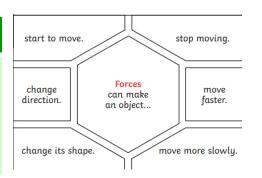
What is gravity?

- · Gravity pulls everything towards the centre of Earth
- It exists everywhere on Earth and the force of gravity is the same everywhere on Earth.
- · Gravity keeps all of the planets (including Earth) in orbit around the Sun. It also keeps the Moon in orbit around the Earth.



What are forces and what can forces do?

- Gravity
- Air resistance
- Water resistance
- Friction



Air resistance and water resistance



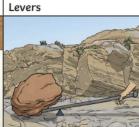
- Air and water resistance are forms of friction.
- Air resistance- air particles hit an object and slow it down.
- Water resistance-water particles hit an object and slow it down.
- Streamlined objects cause less resistance, and move quicker through air or water.

What are pulleys, gears and levers?



Pulleys can be used to make a small force lift a heavier load. The more wheels in a pulley, the less force is needed to lift a weight.

Gears or cogs can be used to change the speed, force or direction of a motion. When two gears are connected, they always turn in the opposite direction to each other.



Levers can be used to make a small force lift a heavier load. A lever always rests on a pivot.