	Science	Forces and magnets	Year 3
Key Vocabulary		Key Knowledge	Magnetic Forces
WORD	DEFINITION		
attract	to pull towards	• Forces act in opposite directions	Attraction
force	a power or strength that can cause an object to move	to each other.	
friction	the force that pulls backwards when objects rub against each other	• When an object moves across a surface,	
magnet	an object that can pull some metal items towards it	friction acts as an	Repulsion
magnetic field	the force that surrounds a magnet and attracts magnetic objects	 opposite force. Friction is a force that holds back the 	
magnetism	the force of a magnet	 motion of an object. Some surfaces create more friction than 	Or
motion	the process of movement	others, meaning that objects move across them more slowly.	5
non-contact force	a force that occurs without objects touching each other	 On a ramp, the force that causes the object to move downwards is gravity. 	
repel	to force back or push away	 Objects move differently depending on 	
texture	the feel or look of a surface	the surface of the object itself and the surface of the ramp.	
Magnetic and Non-magnetic		How do Magnets work?	
 These objects contain iron, nickel or cobalt. Not all metals are magnetic. These objects do not contain iron, nickel or cobalt. 			Spin Axis Magnetic Pole Geographic South Pole South