Year 5 - Science - Summer 1 & 2

Physics: Forces



We are learning about:

- the force of gravity and its affect on objects (explain that unsupported objects fall towards the Earth because of the force of gravity acting between the Earth and the falling object)
- air resistance, water resistance and friction (identify the effects of air resistance, water resistance and friction, that act between moving surfaces
- how pulleys and levers can be used (recognise that some mechanisms, including levers, pulleys and gears, allow a smaller force to have a greater effect)

We are learning to:

- measure accurately (to be able to take repeated accurate measurements using a stopwatch)
- plan a fair test (to be able to plan a scientific enquiry that will answer a question. To be able to recognise control variables when planning a fair-test)
- identify if my results are reliable (to be able to explain the degree of trust in results)
- make and use predictions (to be able to use test results to make predictions to set up further comparative and fair tests)

Vocabulary

Air resistance
Water resistance
Friction
Gravity
Mechanisms