Year 3: Forces and Magnets Knowledge Mat

Subject	Specific Vocabulary	Magnets	Important Knowledge
friction	The force when two surfaces slide or try to slide across each other.	N S \rightarrow \leftarrow N S	☐ I can compare how things move on different surfaces.
force	An object will be caused to move or stop when a force acts on it. Pushes and pulls are forces.	Opposite poles attract N S ← → S N Same poles repel	☐ I know that some forces need contact between two objects, but magnetic forces can act at
surface	The outside or top layer of something.		a distance.
magnet	A piece of iron or other material which shows properties of magnetism. Magnets attract other iron-containing objects.	Magnetic Field	☐ I can describe how magnets attract or repel each other. ☐ I know that magnets have two poles.
magnetic force	The power of a magnet to attract or repel objects which contain iron. This happens without the magnet touching the object.		☐ I can predict whether two magnets will attract or repel each other, depending on which poles are facing.
attract	The force which means an object is moved toward a magnet.	Compass	☐ I know that magnets can attract some materials and not others.
repel	The force which means an object is pushed away from an object.	Friction	☐ I can compare and group
iron	A metal which is attracted to magnets.		materials.
steel	A hard metal which is made of iron and other elements.	It is easier to pull or push things along smooth surfaces than rough ones	
poles	Either end of magnet. There is a north pole and a south pole.		