Knowledge Organiser Science Forces Year 5

Forces		
friction	a force between two surfaces causes resistance → object moves more slowly	gravity
gravity	 a force that attracts objects to the nearest biggest mass bigger mass → more gravity smaller mass → less gravity 	gravity d
air resistance	 friction between air and an object causes resistance → object moves more slowly air resistance pushes up, gravity pulls down 	gravity air resistance
upthrust	force which pushes up in liquid	buoyant

Mechanisms		
lever	 a rigid bar resting on a fulcrum lifts heavy loads when the opposite end is pushed down 	force
pulley	a wheel around which a cord passes lifts heavy loads when the opposite end is pulled down	force
gears	 toothed wheels that fit together changes the speed or direction of things 	***

Key Vocabulary		
resistance	tends to prevent or slow down an object's motion	
streamlined	designed to allow less air resistance → travel faster	
motion	activity of changing position	
matter	a physical substance made up of particles	
mass	measures the amount of matter	
weight	how strongly gravity pulls an object measured in newtons (N)	
attracts	pulls	