

Knowledge Organiser

Year 3— Mechanisms



What is a lever and how does it help

us move heavy objects?

Vocabulary	
Audience	the people reached
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develop	to bring out the potential of;
	advance to a more complete
	or more effective condition.
sketches	a drawing or painting that
	was done in a hurry or with-
	out detail. Sketches are some-
	times done to prepare for lat-
	er work.
prototype	an original model on which
	later stages or forms are
	based or developed.
Pattern piece	an arrangement of shapes, a
	section or part separated
design	to plan for a certain goal or
	purpose.
accurate	careful and precise.
Aesthetic quali-	having to do with beauty
ties	
Applique	decorated with cut-out pieces
	of another material that are
	stitched on or otherwise ap-
	plied.
Fastener	device that joins together or
	fastens.

What should I already know?

EYFS – simple mechanisms, simple structures

Year 1 – leavers

Year 2 - wheels and axels

What will I know by the end of the unit?

Children will design and make a puppet or a leaver book/toy using linkages and leavers to make it move.



Notable Inventor

Ramon Llull—was

a philosopher, theologian, poet, missionary, and Christian apologist from the Kingdom of Majorca. He invented the first pop up book which was more of a machine than a book.

Henry Ford—was an American industrialist, business magnate, founder of the Ford Motor Company, and chief developer of the assembly line technique of mass production.

The Greek Polymath Archimedes— was a Greek mathematician, physicist, engineer, astronomer, and inventor from the ancient city of Syracuse in Sicily.