Move It!

Keywords	Level	Time	Core Skills	Type of Activity
Forces Motion Magnets	Junior Primary JI- 2 nd class	1h 15 min	Modelling Inquiry activity	Hands-on Science

Brief Description



Students will explore how to make things move without touching them!

Hands on activities with magnetic materials, a toy rocket launcher and marble runs will enable students to solve problems and work together.

Learning Objectives and Curricular Links



Junior and Senior Infants, 1st and 2nd class: Energy and Forces; Forces

- explore, through informal activity with toys, forces such as pushing and pulling
- explore how the shape of objects can be changed by squashing, pulling and other forces
- investigate how forces act on objects
- explore how objects may be moved by pushing and pulling
- become aware of and explore how ... moving air can make things move
- observe and investigate the movement of objects such as toys on various materials and surfaces

Materials



Magnets, Magnetic marbles, Paint and paper

Empty plastic milk bottles, Rocket mouse templates, Sellotape, Scissors

Marble runs (half round pipe lagging), Marbles, Masking Tape



Background Information / Skills required



Children should have had some experience of working in small groups and taking turns.

Some fine-motor scissor skills are needed to cut out the 'rocket mouse.'
Simple fair tests will be used in the inquiry activity.

Summary Activity Description



- 1. Marble Painting: students will explore magnets, then use magnetic marbles to produce a painting.
- 2. Rocket Mouse: explore how to move a simple 3-D shape with air. Students will use an inquiry approach to find out the effect of different size launchers on how high the rocket mouse jumps.
- 3. Marble Runs: students will work in small groups to assemble and test marble runs.

Additional Information / Follow on Activities



Rocket mouse template and activity outline can be found at: https://learning-resources.sciencemuseum.org.uk/resources/rocket-mice/

A variant on the marble runs to "Create a track that keeps a marble rolling longer than any other team's does." is at:

https://www.discovere.org/sites/default/files/Marble%20Run 082716.pdf

DPSM Activity: <u>Investigating Slopes</u>

