

TAPS Scotland Focused Assessment example





Topic: Forces Primary 3-4 Title of example: Age 6-8 Magnetic maze

Scientific skills focus

Analytical thinking: Contributes to the design processes and uses components to make models

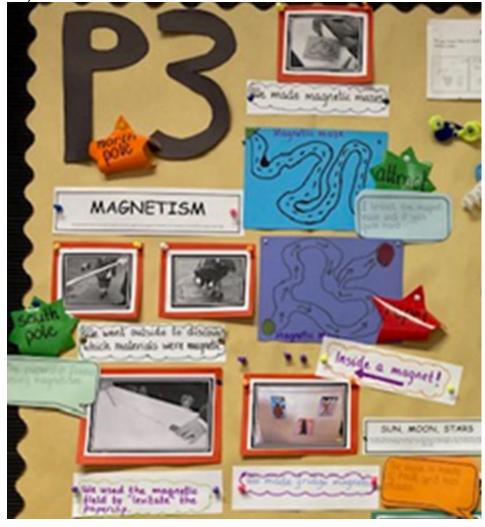


Curriculum link

By exploring the forces exerted by magnets on other magnets and magnetic materials, I can contribute to the design of a game. SCN 1-08a

Example

After exploring magnets attracting/repelling, investigating magnetic materials and magnet strength, the children were challenged to apply their understanding to design a magnetic maze. They needed to select a magnetic material (eg paper clip) to guide unseen through the maze (by a magnet underneath, strong enough to attract the magnetic material through the card/board/table).



Children meeting the objective would be able to create and demonstrate moving a magnetic material through their maze by an unseen magnet.

Example from Mearns Primary School, East Renfrewshire