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Today Science Club are going to look at

MAGNETISM!

Magnets:

Magnets have **POLES**: **NORTH** and **SOUTH**. **OPPOSITE** Poles attract one another. The **SAME** poles repel one another. So (please circle): NORTH + NORTH = Attract/Repel.

NORTH + SOUTH = Attract/Repel.

SOUTH + SOUTH = Attract/Repel.

Experiment 1: Test the magnets provided, can you tell which are north and which are south?YES/NO

The Gauss (or G) is a measurement of a magnetic field. The bigger the measurement, the larger (& stronger) the magnetic field is. Which magnet do YOU think has the biggest field?

Some materials are **MAGNETIC**, they contain materials which respond to a magnet, usually iron.

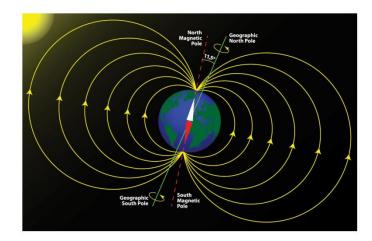
Experiment 2: <u>Test the various items provided with the magnets to see which are magnetic and which aren't. Are there any that surprise you?</u>

Scientists are not sure why it happens, but the Earth has its own magnetic field. It is often drawn as a BAR MAGNET at the Earth's centre. They think birds and whales use them as navigation!

Compasses work by the 'south' side of a magnet is attracted to the Earth's magnetic NORTH POLE and 'points' that way.

Experiment 3: Use the compasses provided, do they always point the same direction?

Put the IRON ORE next to them, does the compass change direction? YES/NO



Experiment 4: Some materials are also magnetic, such as iron filings, ferro-fluid and magnetic putty which have been provided. See if you can prove they are magnetic.

Note to parents: This week we have been looking at **MAGNETS**. Any questions please email: HassellScienceClub@gmail.com

Magnetics Quiz

- 1. Magnetism is a type of ...
 - a. electricity
 - b. gravity
 - c. force
- 2. When two magnets repel each other, they ...
 - a. push away from each other
 - b. pull towards each other
 - c. neither push nor pull
- 3. When two magnets attract each other, they ...
 - a. push away from each other
 - b. pull towards each other
 - c. neither push nor pull
- 4. Which of these objects would be attracted to a magnet?
 - a. A leather purse
 - b. A steel key
 - c. A wooden ruler
- 5. Bar magnets have two poles. Are they
 - a. East and West?
 - b. North and South?
 - c. Red and green?
- 6. When magnets are split into two, does this make two new magnets? YES/NO
- 7. Does distance **strengthen** or **weaken** a magnet's ability to attract a piece of iron?
- 8. Is magnetic north the same as true (grid) north? YES/NO
- 9. Has magnetic north always stayed in the same position? YES/NO
- 10. Naturally occurring magnets in nature are called:
 - a. Plastics
 - b. Stones
 - c. lodestones