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Investigating magnets

Find out what you can about magnets by doing experiments.

YOU HAVE:

Two or more bar magnets.

Some materials to test

A 'pepper' pot containing iron filings.

A tray to catch iron filings

Some spacers

Paper

Goggles

(Mobile phone to take photographs)

SAFETY:

Ensure that you do not get any iron filings in your eyes. This is very easily done by having iron filings on your fingers and rubbing your eye.

Report any incidents to a leader.

POSSIBLE QUESTIONS TO ANSWER:

- 1). What materials are attracted to a magnet?
- 2). What materials are repelled by a magnet?
- 3). What is in the space surrounding a magnet?
- 4). How is a magnet able to act at a distance?

REPORT.

Prepare to describe to the group:the experiments that you did, what you have discovered, any general conclusions.

Your report should take 3-4 minutes.

You should be prepared to answer questions from the group.