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Science at the Roman Baths

Forces at the Roman Baths

Gaius Tiburinus has asked you to investigate forces at the Roman Baths.

Remember that a force is something which pulls, pushes, twists or squashes something. Force is measured in Newtons (N).





Sketch a statue

Forces on the statues – Terrace

Mark the forces from gravity and upthrust onto your sketch.

- 1. A mass of 1kg gives a weight of 10N. A statue has a mass of approximately 300kg, what is the weight of a statue?
- 2. When a wind applies a force of 30N to the statue's back what stops it from falling forwards?
- 3. What properties of stone make it good for building statues?

Skeletal forces – People of Aquae Sulis

The skeleton is shaped to allow the long bones to act as levers to reduce the effort needed for movement.

- 1. What type of tissue applies force to create movement? _____
- 2. Explain why movement muscles always attach on both sides of a joint.

The longer the lever, the less force is required to move an object.

- 3. Why do you think most Olympic rowers are over 6 feet tall?
- 4. If longer limbs are better, why do animals not keep getting larger?

Forces and arches – Spring Overflow

- Mark the force of gravity onto the diagram. Show where and in which direction it is acting.
- 2. What would happen if the keystone was taken away?
- 3. Explain what this shows about the forces on the keystone?



Keystone

Forces and pulleys – Building the Baths

Read the information by the pulleys and use both pulley systems to lift the stone.

1. When you lift both stones: a) Which one takes more effort to lift

b) On which one do you need to pull the rope the furthest distance?

Draw a diagram to show the difference between the single and double pulleys.