



Physical development Subject knowledge bank

Topic area: Physical development: Gross motor skills - Games

Focus: Games

- To work safely and develop running and stopping
- To develop throwing and learn how to keep score
- To be able to play games showing an understanding of the different roles within it
- To follow instructions and move safely when playing tagging games
- To work co-operatively and learn to take turns
- To work with others to play team games

ELG: Children at the expected level of development will:

- Negotiate space and obstacles safely, with consideration for themselves and others
- Demonstrate strength, balance and co-ordination when playing
- Move energetically, such as running, jumping, dancing, hopping, skipping and climbing

Development matter statements:

Children in Reception will be learning to:

- Confidently and safely use a range of large and small apparatus indoors and outside, alone and in a group
- Develop overall body-strength, balance, co-ordination and agility
- Further develop and refine a range of ball skills including: throwing, catching, kicking, passing, batting and aiming
- Develop the overall body strength, co-ordination, balance and agility needed to engage successfully with future physical education sessions and other physical disciplines including dance, gymnastics, sport and swimming

Key vocabulary

Throw - to move your arm quickly and let go of an object so that it moves through the air

Catch - to seize an object moving through the air with your hands

Key knowledge

- When moving safely keep your head up and look for space
- To stop quickly use smaller steps
- To hit a target, make your fingertips point towards the target and finish with your hand pointing at it
- To play games I must listen carefully to instructions
- When playing tag games, I need to change direction to avoid others
- When I tag someone I gently touch them on the arm or back
- When racing as a team I have my turn and move to the back of the line
- When racing as a team I tag the next person in my team before they can go

