

PE Games Curriculum Key Skills and Knowledge



Concepts	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Acquiring & Developing Skills	Striking and Hitting a Ball						
	Hit a ball with a bat or racquet.	Use hitting skills in a game. Practise basic striking, sending and receiving.	Strike or hit a ball with increasing control. Learn skills for playing striking and fielding games. Position the body to strike a ball.	Demonstrate successful hitting and striking skills. Develop a range of skills in striking (and fielding where appropriate). Practise the correct batting technique and use it in a game. Strike the ball for distance.	Use a bat, racquet or stick (hockey) to hit a ball or shuttlecock with accuracy and control. Accurately serve underarm. Build a rally with a partner. Use at least two different shots in a game situation. Use hand-eye coordination to strike a moving and a stationary ball.	Use different techniques to hit a ball. Identify and apply techniques for hitting a tennis ball. Explore when different shots are best used. Develop a backhand technique and use it in a game. Practise techniques for all strokes. Play a tennis game using an overhead serve.	Hit a bowled ball over longer distances. Use good hand-eye coordination to be able to direct a ball when striking or hitting. Understand how to serve in order to start a game.
	Throwing and Catching a Ball						
	Roll equipment in different ways. Throw underarm. Throw an object at a target. Catch equipment using two hands.	Throw underarm and overarm. Catch and bounce a ball. Use rolling skills in a game. Practise accurate throwing and consistent catching.	Throw different types of equipment in different ways, for accuracy and distance. Throw, catch and bounce a ball with a partner. Use throwing and catching skills in a game. Throw a ball for distance. Use hand-eye coordination to control a ball. Vary types of throw used.	Throw and catch with greater control and accuracy. Practise the correct technique for catching a ball and use it in a game. Perform a range of catching and gathering skills with control. Catch with increasing control and accuracy. Throw a ball in different ways (e.g. high, low, fast or slow). Develop a safe and effective overarm bowl.	Develop different ways of throwing and catching.	Consolidate different ways of throwing and catching, and know when each is appropriate in a game.	Throw and catch accurately and successfully under pressure in a game.
Travelling with a Ball							
Move a ball in different ways, including bouncing and kicking. Use equipment to control a ball.	Travel with a ball in different ways. Travel with a ball in different directions (side to side, forwards and	Bounce and kick a ball whilst moving. Use kicking skills in a game.	Move with the ball in a variety of ways with some control.	Move with the ball using a range of techniques, showing control and fluency.	Use a variety of ways to dribble in a game with success.	Show confidence in using ball skills in various ways in a game situation, and link these together effectively.	

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	backwards) with control and fluency.	Use dribbling skills in a game.	Use two different ways of moving with a ball in a game.		Use ball skills in various ways, and begin to link together.	
Passing a Ball						
Kick an object at a target.	Pass the ball to another player in a game. Use kicking skills in a game.	Know how to pass the ball in different ways.	Pass the ball in two different ways in a game situation with some success.	Pass the ball with increasing speed, accuracy and success in a game situation.	Pass a ball with speed and accuracy using appropriate techniques in a game situation.	Choose and make the best pass in a game situation and link a range of skills together with fluency, e.g. passing and receiving the ball on the move.
Possession						
			Know how to keep and win back possession of the ball in a team game.	Occasionally contribute towards helping their team to keep and win back possession of the ball in a team game.	Keep and win back possession of the ball effectively in a team game.	Keep and win back possession of the ball effectively and in a variety of ways in a team game.
Using Space						
Move safely around the space and equipment. Travel in different ways, including sideways and backwards.	Use different ways of travelling in different directions or pathways. Run at different speeds. Begin to use space in a game.	Use different ways of travelling at different speeds and following different pathways, directions or courses. Change speed and direction whilst running. Begin to choose and use the best space in a game.	Find a useful space and get into it to support teammates.	Make the best use of space to pass and receive the ball.	Demonstrate an increasing awareness of space.	Demonstrate a good awareness of space.
Attacking and Defending						
Play a range of chasing games.	Begin to use the terms attacking and defending. Use simple defensive skills such as marking a player or defending a space. Use simple attacking skills such as dodging to get past a defender.	Begin to use and understand the terms attacking and defending. Use at least one technique to attack or defend to play a game successfully.	Use simple attacking and defending skills in a game. Use fielding skills to stop a ball from travelling past them.	Use a range of attacking and defending skills and techniques in a game. Use fielding skills as an individual to prevent a player from scoring.	Choose the best tactics for attacking and defending. Shoot in a game. Use fielding skills as a team to prevent the opposition from scoring.	Think ahead and create a plan of attack or defence. Apply knowledge of skills for attacking and defending. Work as a team to develop fielding strategies to prevent the opposition from scoring.
Tactics and Rules						
Follow simple rules.	Follow simple rules to play games, including team games.	Understand the importance of rules in games.	Apply and follow rules fairly.	Vary the tactics they use in a game.	Know when to pass and when to dribble in a game.	Follow and create complicated rules to play a game successfully.

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		Use simple attacking skills such as dodging to get past a defender. Use simple defensive skills such as marking a player or defending a space.	Use at least one technique to attack or defend to play a game successfully.	Understand and begin to apply the basic principles of invasion games. Know how to play a striking and fielding game fairly.	Adapt rules to alter games.	Devise and adapt rules to create their own game.	Communicate plans to others during a game. Lead others during a game.
Selecting & Applying Skills	Control my body when performing a sequence of movements. Participate in simple games.	Perform using a range of actions and body parts with some coordination. Begin to perform learnt skills with some control. Engage in competitive activities and team games.	Perform sequences of their own composition with coordination. Perform learnt skills with increasing control. Compete against self and others.	Develop the quality of the actions in their performances. Perform learnt skills and techniques with control and confidence. Compete against self and others in a controlled manner.	Perform and apply skills and techniques with control and accuracy. Take part in a range of competitive games and activities.	Consistently perform and apply skills and techniques with accuracy and control. Take part in competitive games with a strong understanding of tactics and composition.	Perform and apply a variety of skills and techniques confidently, consistently and with precision. Take part in competitive games with a strong understanding of tactics and composition.
Evaluating & Improving Performance	Talk about what they have done. Talk about what others have done.	Watch and describe performances. Begin to say how they could improve.	Watch and describe performances, and use what they see to improve their own performance. Talk about the differences between their work and that of others.	Watch, describe and evaluate the effectiveness of a performance. Describe how their performance has improved over time.	Watch, describe and evaluate the effectiveness of performances, giving ideas for improvements. Modify their use of skills or techniques to achieve a better result.	Choose and use criteria to evaluate own and others' performance. Explain why they have used particular skills or techniques, and the effect they have had on their performance.	Thoroughly evaluate their own and others' work, suggesting thoughtful and appropriate improvements.
Knowledge & Understanding of Fitness & Health	Talk about what they have done. Talk about what others have done.	Watch and describe performances. Begin to say how they could improve.	Watch and describe performances, and use what they see to improve their own performance. Talk about the differences between their work and that of others.	Watch, describe and evaluate the effectiveness of a performance. Describe how their performance has improved over time.	Watch, describe and evaluate the effectiveness of performances, giving ideas for improvements. Modify their use of skills or techniques to achieve a better result.	Choose and use criteria to evaluate own and others' performances. Explain why they have used particular skills or techniques, and the effect they have had on their performance.	Thoroughly evaluate their own and others' work, suggesting thoughtful and appropriate improvements.