Firs Primary School

PE Progression Guidance

This progression document:

- Fully aligns with statutory National Curriculum aims: competence, confidence, and health through physical activity.
- Incorporates updated guidance from *Teach the Future* (TTF) which enhances:
 - Outdoor activity for wellbeing.
 - o Personal reflection and character education.
 - o Links to sustainability and SDG goals (especially SDG 3 and 4).
- Links physical development with emotional wellbeing and social awareness, supporting whole-child education
- Supports Ofsted's curriculum intent focus by explicitly building in long-term progression and cross-curricular links (science, geography, PSHE).

Our PE curriculum is designed to develop physical competence, confidence, and a lifelong love of movement. We ensure all pupils experience success across a wide range of physical activities, from gymnastics to outdoor adventurous challenges, while fostering teamwork, resilience, and environmental awareness. The progression guidance draws from the National Curriculum and Teach the Future PE adaptations to provide an inclusive and future-focused PE experience.

Each year group includes 5–6 'I can' statements which define age-appropriate expectations. Teachers use these to assess during lessons, identifying pupils who may need further support or challenge.

Vocabulary in PE: Explicit Teaching and Progression

We place a strong emphasis on the development of subject-specific vocabulary in PE to support pupils' understanding, communication, and reflection on physical activity. Vocabulary is **explicitly taught**, modelled, and revisited across all strands through:

- **Tiered vocabulary instruction** introducing Tier 1 (everyday), Tier 2 (general subject), and Tier 3 (technical) words appropriate to each year group and activity
- Direct teaching of new terms at the start of lessons using visual prompts, equipment labels, and demonstration
- **Use in context** encouraging children to describe what they are doing, explain tactics, reflect on performance, and give/receive feedback using key terminology
- Displays, word banks, and PE vocabulary mats that reinforce language over time
- **Cross-curricular links** especially with science (e.g., muscles, body systems), geography (e.g., map reading), and PSHE (e.g., resilience, teamwork)

This structured vocabulary approach ensures that all pupils, including those with SEND or EAL, can access and articulate their learning confidently in PE. It also supports cognitive engagement, helps pupils evaluate performance, and strengthens transition into KS3 PE.

Cross Curricular Links:

Teachers should use this table to identify meaningful opportunities to reinforce learning from other subjects during PE lessons, helping pupils make connections across the curriculum, deepen understanding, and apply knowledge in real-world and physical contexts.

PE Strand	Cross-Curricular Subjects	Example Links and Opportunities
Athletics	Science, Maths, PSHE, Geography	Measuring and comparing distances (Maths); understanding muscles and effort (Science); setting personal goals (PSHE); outdoor running environments (Geography).
Striking and Fielding	Maths, PSHE, English	Scoring, tallying and averages (Maths); turn-taking and team strategy (PSHE); explaining game plans or tactics verbally (English).
Net and Wall	PSHE, Maths, English, Computing	Strategy and communication in pairs (PSHE); scoring and sequencing points (Maths); instructions and feedback (English); video analysis of movement (Computing).
Dance	Music, English, Art, RE, History	Responding to musical rhythm (Music); storytelling through movement (English); shape and expression (Art); spiritual and cultural dance forms (RE, History).
Gymnastics	Science, Maths, PSHE, Computing	Body movement and balance (Science); spatial awareness and shape (Maths); resilience and reflection (PSHE); performance review using video (Computing).
Invasion Games	PSHE, English, Maths, Geography	Team roles and emotional regulation (PSHE); explaining tactics (English); positions and scoring systems (Maths); understanding space and positioning (Geography).
Orienteering (OAA)	Geography, Maths, Science, PSHE, Citizenship/SDGs	Map reading and compass work (Geography); angles and scale (Maths); environmental awareness (Science); teamwork and safety (PSHE); caring for land (SDG 15).

Inclusion and Accessibility:

All lessons are inclusive by design, with adapted equipment, paired coaching, and progressive challenges to ensure every child, including those with SEND, can access success in PE.

Fundamental Skills Progression Guidance – EYFS to Year 2

Reception	Year 1	Year 2
Novement & Travel	Travelling & Movement	Movement & Travel
Moving in a controlled and balanced way	 Moving in different directions (forwards, backwards, sideways) 	Travelling in different directions (forwards, backwards, sideways)
Exploring different ways of travelling (e.g. running, skipping, hopping, jumping, side-	Varying speed (slow, fast, jogging, skipping)	 Varying speed and levels (tiptoe, jog, skip, hop, jump)
stepping)	Using different pathways (straight, curved, zigzag)	Using different pathways (straight, curved, zigzag)
Changing direction and speed safely	Navigating space with awareness and control	Navigating space with spatial awareness and control
Navigating space with spatial awareness	Balance & Body Control	Balance & Stability
alance & Stability	Performing balances using small and large body parts	Performing a variety of balances using small and large body parts
Demonstrating stable body positions (natural gait, knees slightly bent)	 Holding balances for a set time (e.g. 3 seconds) 	Holding balances for a set time (e.g. 3 seconds)
Performing static and dynamic balances using different body parts (e.g. one foot,	Linking movements with balances	Linking movements and balances into sequences
hands, tummy)	Balancing while moving or using equipment	Balancing while moving or using equipment
Holding balances for a set time (e.g. 3 seconds)	Object Control	Object Control
Linking movements with balances	Throwing and catching (underarm technique)	Throwing and catching with accuracy (underarm technique)
pordination & Control	Aiming at targets with accuracy	Aiming at targets and adjusting power based on distance
Controlling body movements while travelling and balancing	Adjusting power and direction based on distance	Rolling, pushing, bouncing, and kicking equipment
Using equipment (beanbags, balls, hoops) safely and with control	Rolling, pushing, bouncing, and kicking equipment	Using equipment in creative ways (e.g. skipping, hopping over)
Throwing and catching with accuracy (underarm throw, aiming at targets)	Equipment Use	Equipment Use
Adjusting power and aim based on distance	Exploring different ways to use equipment (beanbags, hoops, balls, ropes)	 Exploring and manipulating a variety of equipment (beanbags, hoops, balls, ropes
eamwork & Communication	Travelling with, over, around, or while balancing equipment	Travelling with, over, around, or while balancing equipment
Working in pairs or small groups	Using equipment safely and sharing with others	Creating obstacle courses and movement trails
Sharing equipment and space	Teamwork & Feedback	Using equipment safely and with control
Giving and receiving feedback	Working in pairs or small groups	Teamwork & Communication
	Giving and receiving feedback	Working in pairs or small groups
ey Vocabulary Introduced:	Participating in simple team games and challenges	Participating in team games and challenges
Balance – stable position, holding still, using different body parts		Giving and receiving constructive feedback
Control on Secretal control on the	Key Vocabulary Introduced:	Describing how to improve performance
Control – moving safely and accurately	Balance – staying still and steady using different body parts	
Travel – moving in different ways (run, hop, skip, etc.)	Control – moving or using equipment carefully and accurately	Key Vocabulary Introduced
Pathways – the route taken when moving (straight, curved, zigzag)	Travel – moving in different ways and directions	Balance – holding a steady position using different body parts
Space – awareness of surroundings, avoiding others	Pathway – the route taken when moving (e.g. straight, curved)	Control – moving or using equipment carefully and accurately
Target – aiming and throwing towards a specific point	Target – something to aim at when throwing	Travel – moving in various ways and directions
Gear – different speeds of movement (e.g. 1st gear = tiptoe, 4th gear = jog)	Underarm Throw — a throwing technique using an upward swing of the arm	Pathway – the route taken when moving (e.g. straight, curved, zigzag)
Feedback – giving helpful comments to a partner	• Gear – levels of speed (e.g. 1st gear = slow, 4th gear = fast)	Target – an object or area to aim at when throwing
Points and Patches – types of balances using small or large body parts	Feedback – helpful advice or comments to improve performance	Underarm Throw – a throwing technique using an upward swing of the arm
	Safe Space – an area where you can move without bumping into others	Gear – levels of speed (e.g. 1st gear = tiptoe, 4th gear = jog)
	Points & Patches – types of balances using small (points) or large (patches) body	Feedback – giving helpful advice to a partner
	parts	Safe Space – moving without bumping into others
		Points & Patches – types of balances using small (points) or large (patches) body
		parts
		Bullseye – aiming for the centre of a target

Reception Progression Guidance

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Net and Wall Development Matters: Physical Development (gross motor); Expressive Arts (coordination, rhythm) TTF: focus on spatial awareness, reaction, and turn-taking. I can hit a balloon or beanbag with my hand to keep it in the air. I can track a ball or object moving towards me. I can take turns with a partner in a simple bat and ball game. I can stay in my space and play safely with others. I can say how moving and playing with others makes me feel. (TTF: SDG 3 – Movement and wellbeing) Vocabulary: Focus: movement, ball control, and taking turns Ball Bat Hit Catch Throw Tap Bounce Roll Turn Friend Supports communication, early movement control, and cooperative play.	Dance Development Matters: Physical Development (gross motor), Expressive Arts & Design TTF: Movement as a form of creative and emotional expression in connection with self, others, and nature. I can move to music with different speeds and actions (e.g. fast/slow, big/small). I can copy and repeat simple dance moves. I can explore movement using different parts of my body. I can join in with a group dance and stay in my space. I can say how dancing makes me feel. (TTF: SDG 3 – Wellbeing; expressive movement) Vocabulary: Focus: Exploring movement, rhythm, and imaginative responses Move Dance Wiggle Shake Stop Fast Slow Spin Jump Music Supports early physical confidence, rhythm awareness, and expressive movement through play and storytelling.	Gymnastics Development Matters: Physical Development – gross motor skills; Expressive Arts and Design TTF: Begin using body awareness to move confidently and safely. I can make my body into different shapes (e.g. wide, narrow, tall, curled). I can balance on one foot or on hands and feet. I can roll, crawl, or slither across a mat. I can jump and land safely from low equipment. I can say how I feel after doing gymnastics. (TTF: SDG 3 – Physical confidence and wellbeing) Jumps: Bunny hop Two feet to two feet (on spot or off low block) Two feet to one foot (basic hop) Rolls: Log roll (on side, straight body) Egg roll (curled shape) Balances: One foot balance Tuck sit and dish hold Wide/narrow/tall body shapes Vocabulary: Focus: body awareness, movement variety, and copying shapes Move Stop High Low Big Small Roll Jump	Invasion Games Development Matters: Physical Development (gross motor); Personal, Social and Emotional Development (turn-taking, teamwork) TTF: foundational skills for cooperation, turn-taking, and purposeful movement. I can move safely around space without bumping into others. I can roll and chase a ball in different directions. I can stop a ball using my feet or hands. I can work with a partner in a simple ball game. I can take turns and share equipment with others. (TTF: SDG 3 – Wellbeing and cooperation) Kicks Gentle push kick using the instep Tap and stop (dribbling around cones or into space) Throws Underarm roll (to a target or partner) Two-handed chest push (using a beanbag or light ball) Passes Sharing equipment in play (passing a ball or object to a peer) Rolling to a partner in a simple circle or line game Vocabulary: Focus: movement, cooperation, and ball control Ball Kick Throw Catch Run Stop Turn Team	Striking and Fielding Development Matters: Physical Development (gross motor focus) TTF: physical play that builds confidence and teamwork outdoors. I can roll a ball to a partner. I can stop a moving ball using my hands or body. I can swing a bat to hit a stationary ball. I can throw a beanbag or ball towards a large target. I can play with others and take turns in a simple game. (TTF: SDG 3 – Wellbeing & social cooperation) Tactics: Basic anticipation: chasing after a ball that has been hit. Simple direction change: aiming to hit/roll the ball away from a partner. Awareness of space: beginning to avoid others when running. Taking turns: waiting for their go as a batter or fielder. Vocabulary: Focus: exploring equipment and taking turns Ball Bat Hit Catch Throw Roll Run Stop Turn Friend	Athletics Development Matters reference: Physical Development – Moving and Handling (gross motor focus) TTF emphasis: Encourage connection with the natural world through physical play and movement exploration. I can run safely and stop with control. I can jump off a surface and land on two feet. I can throw a beanbag or ball underarm. I can move with confidence, showing balance and coordination. I can explain why exercise helps keep me healthy. (TTF: SDG 3 – Good Health and Wellbeing) Vocabulary: Focus: exploring fundamental movement and simple competition Run Stop Fast Slow Jump Throw Catch Race Turn Win / Try again Supports physical development, control, and basic confidence with simple athletic activities.

Year 1 Progression Guidance

Net and Wall	Dance	Gymnastics	Invasion Games	Striking and Fielding	Athletics
NC KS1: throw, catch, strike with basic	NC KS1: perform dances using simple	NC KS1: develop balance, agility and	NC KS1: master basic movements including	NC KS1: master basic movements; throw and	Aligned to KS1 PE NC: master basic
control; develop coordination and awareness	movement patterns	coordination; perform basic movements and	running, jumping, throwing and catching;	catch; participate in team games.	movements (running, jumping, throwing,
TTF: playful competition and simple rule-	TTF: joyful movement, cultural dance	sequences.	participate in team games; develop tactics	TTF: begin to enjoy playing outdoors as a	catching), agility, balance, coordination
following.	exposure, outdoor/nature themes	TTF: focus on playful challenge, body	TTF: encourage enjoyment of team play and	team.	TTF adds: reflection on benefits of outdoor
		confidence and creative movement.	self-confidence.		activity for wellbeing
 I can tap a ball with a racket or bat 	I can create simple movement patterns			I can throw a ball underarm and catch	
in a controlled way.	to music.	I can copy and link simple gymnastic	I can throw and catch a ball with a	with two hands.	I can run in a straight line and change
 I can bounce a ball on the floor or 	I can move with control and	shapes.	partner.	I can hit a ball that is placed on a tee or	direction with control.
racket.	coordination.	I can travel in different ways (crawl,	I can move into space to receive a ball.	cone.	I can jump forwards and land safely.
 I can return a beanbag or soft ball 	• I can use different actions (e.g., jump,	jump, hop, step) across a mat.	• I can pass a ball using my hands or feet.	I can chase, stop and return a ball to a	I can throw an object underarm with
to my partner.	turn, stretch) in a short sequence.	I can balance using different parts of	I can follow simple rules in a team	partner.	increasing accuracy.
I can follow simple rules like 'one	I can perform my dance with others at	my body.	game.	I can follow the rules of a simple	I can balance on one foot for a short
bounce then hit'.	the same time.	I can perform a simple sequence with a	I can talk about why teamwork is	striking game.	time.
I can try again if I miss – I don't	I can describe a dance I enjoyed and say	clear start and end.	important. (TTF: SDG 3 – Social	I can talk about how playing outside	I can say how being active outdoors
give up! (TTF: SDG 4 – Growth	why. (TTF: SDG 3/10 – Wellbeing and	I can talk about what I like in a friend's (TTS 606.2)	connection in sport)	makes me feel. (TTF: SDG 3)	helps me feel good. (TTF: SDG 3 –
mindset)	celebrating difference)	gymnastics sequence. (TTF: SDG 3 –			Wellbeing & outdoor connection)
		Confidence and peer feedback)	Kicks	Tactics:	
Vocabulary:	Vocabulary:	1	• Instep push pass (short distance)		Vocabulary:
		Jumps:	Toe tap and stop	Aim into space: try to hit the ball away	
Focus: control, direction, and spatial		Star jump Grandel in the second sec	Basic dribbling around obstacles	from fielders.	Focus: developing control, coordination, and
awareness	Focus: Responding to music and copying	Straight jump	Throws	Chase and stop: run after and retrieve	spatial awareness
	basic movement patterns	Half-turn jump Reller	Underarm throw to a partner	the ball quickly.	
• Тар		Rolls:	Two-handed chest pass	Simple decisions: run or stay based on	Sprint
• Hit	• Copy	 Log roll (with arms extended) Egg roll (controlled direction) 	Light overhead throw (e.g. in netball or	whether fielders are near.	• Jog
• Throw	Repeat	266 1011 (001101 01100 0111 0001011)	basketball warm-ups)	Calling out: learning to communicate	Start
• Catch	• High	Begin rocking in tuck (toward forward roll)	Passes Catch and return using a heaphag or soft	("mine!", "run!").	• Finish
• Bounce	• Low	Balances:	Catch and return using a beanbag or soft ball	Wassie Land	Balance
• Aim	• Clap	Tuck, star, straight and arabesque	Pass to a partner while stationary	Vocabulary:	Underarm
 Target 	• Travel	shapes	ass to a partiter write stationary	For a love and the section of the	• Hop
• Net	• Still	On different body parts (e.g., 2 hands		Focus: basic sending and receiving skills,	• Landing
• Side	Beat	and 1 foot)	Vocabulary:	aiming, and early gameplay	• Space
Space	• Shape		10000001	- 129	Effort
	Rhythm	Vocabulary:	Focus: fundamental movement and	Hit Throw	
Introduces basic game elements (target,	I to transfer and a second and a second at	-	beginning gameplay		Children begin using language to describe
space) and object control language.	Introduces movement control, spatial awareness, and the idea of performing for	Focus: body shapes, simple transitions, and	3 31 1, 17	• Catch	different speeds, effort levels, and movement
	others.	travelling	Dribble	Underarm Roll	types.
	others.		• Pass	• Aim	
		Travel	Catch	• Run	
		• Jump	Kick		
		• Land	• Space	Base Toom	
		• Curl	• Goal	Team Space	
		Stretch	Team	Space	
		• Shape	• Chase	Children begin to understand basis value of	
		Balance	• Throw	Children begin to understand basic roles of batter and fielder in simplified games.	
		 Stillness 	• Score	butter and fielder in simplified games.	
		Control			
		Sequence	Introduces basic movement vocabulary and		
			concepts of shared objectives.		
		Vocabulary introduces fundamental			
		movement concepts in floor work and on			
		apparatus.			

Year 2 Progression Guidance

Net and Wall	Dance	Gymnastics	Invasion Games	Striking and Fielding	Athletics
NC KS1: participate in co-operative and competitive physical activities; extend control and coordination TTF: resilience and spatial awareness. • I can hit a ball over a low net into a	NC KS1: perform simple dance phrases and patterns; begin to express ideas through movement TTF: include themes like animals, weather, and sustainability to inspire dance.	NC KS1: apply fundamental movements in a range of activities; co-operative performance. TTF: include natural movement patterns and imaginative shapes (e.g. trees, bridges, waves).	NC KS1: develop balance, agility and coordination; simple attacking and defending tactics TTF: build empathy and respect in team play. • I can pass a ball with control to a	NC KS1: develop tactics for attacking and defending; improve agility, balance, and coordination. TTF: begin reflecting on teamwork and resilience.	NC KS1: extend agility, balance, coordination; participate in competitive and cooperative activities TTF adds: begin reflecting on performance and enjoy varied activities
 I can hit a ball over a low net into a space. I can stand in a ready position to receive the ball. I can rally the ball with a partner using a racket or bat. I can keep a score and play fairly. I can talk about how being active helps my body and brain. (TTF: SDG 3 – Physical and mental health) Vocabulary: Focus: striking/returning, starting to rally and score Serve Return Rally Partner Control Direction Ready position Score Point Teamwork Children begin using words linked to structured play and scoring.	 I can respond to a theme or story through movement. I can link actions together to create a short dance phrase. I can use levels, direction and speed in my dance. I can perform a short dance to an audience with confidence. I can talk about how dance helps me stay healthy and express emotions. (TTF: SDG 3 – Expression and mental wellbeing) Vocabulary: Focus: Creating short sequences and working with a partner Sequence Mirror Match Mood Action Pathway Tempo Partner Freeze Contrast Encourages creativity, sequencing of movement, and collaborative physical expression.		 I can pass a ball with control to a teammate. I can move to intercept or stop a ball. I can show basic defending and attacking positions. I can explain when to pass or move in a game. I can help others and play fairly. (TTF: SDG 16 – Fairness and inclusion) Kicks Instep pass while moving Side-foot pass for accuracy Dribbling into space and turning Throws Chest pass with power and control Bounce pass (basketball or playground ball) Overhead pass for distance (rugby-style or netball-style) Passes Simple passing triangles or in pairs Begin to pass while moving Learn when to pass vs. keep possession Vocabulary: Focus: control, direction, and starting to use tactics Intercept Opponent Teamwork Defend Attack Direction Move Mark Rule Safe zone 	 I can throw a ball overarm and catch using soft hands. I can hit a moving ball using a bat or racket. I can run to a marker after striking the ball. I can play a small team game with basic rules (e.g. bat and run). I can describe how I helped my team. (TTF: SDG 3 – Wellbeing and belonging) Tactics: Hit away from fielders: choosing direction deliberately. Decide when to run: recognising when it's safe to reach a base. Back up teammates: moving to support other fielders. Quick return: aiming throws towards the bowler/stump to stop play. Vocabulary: Focus: improving control, aiming into space, and simple rules Strike Fielder Batter Throw Catch Base Target Chase Stop Teamwork 	 I can run at different speeds, including sprinting. I can jump in different ways (e.g. two feet to two feet, two feet to one). I can throw overarm and underarm towards a target. I can show good balance while moving. I can say what I enjoy about being active and how it helps my body and mind. (TTF: SDG 3) Vocabulary: Focus: applying skills and understanding performance Sprinting Jumping Aiming Overarm Target Power Distance Speed Personal best Try again Vocabulary supports concepts of performance, measurement, and self-improvement.
		 Flow Link Children learn to describe combinations and flow between actions. 	Develops understanding of roles, fairness, and cooperation in small-sided games.	Vocabulary introduces team roles, movement into space, and simple tactics.	

Year 3 Progression Guidance

Net and Wall	Dance	Gymnastics	Invasion Games	Striking and Fielding	Athletics
NC KS2: use skills in combination; begin to	NC KS2: perform dances using a range of	NC KS2: develop flexibility, control and	NC KS2: apply and develop skills in	NC KS2: use catching and throwing in	NC KS2: apply a broader range of skills
apply tactics; enjoy competing and	movement patterns; communicate mood and	strength through gymnastics; perform	competitive games; use tactics in attack and	combination; play competitive games; apply	(running, jumping, throwing, catching in
collaborating	feeling	sequences.	defence	attacking/defending principles.	isolation and combination)
TTF: explore strategy, teamwork, and	TTF: embrace movement from diverse	TTF: express emotion and story through	TTF: develop resilience, creative movement,	TTF: link physical skills to personal	TTF includes: recognise personal
reflecting on improvement.	cultures, connect with natural patterns (e.g.,	movement; connect gymnastics to real-world	and strategic thinking.	improvement.	improvement and success
	rain, trees, animals).	themes.			
 I can use forehand strokes to 			I can dribble, pass and receive a ball	I can throw accurately to a teammate	I can run with control over short and
return a ball into a court area.	I can use contrasting actions and	I can perform shapes, balances and	with increasing control.	over different distances.	long distances.
I can position myself to receive and		rolls with good body tension.	I can find space and support my	I can strike a bowled ball using a range	I can jump for distance and height using
return the ball.	I can choreograph a short dance	I can link moves smoothly into a short Continue Continue	teammates.	of bats.	correct technique.
 I can move to cover the court and play cooperatively in a rally. 	sequence with a partner. I can perform dances from different	routine (floor or apparatus). I can mirror, match or contrast with a	I can mark an opponent and track movement.	I can stop and return a ball with control.	 I can throw for distance using the correct grip and stance.
I can describe what I did well and	cultures and say what I've learned.	partner.	I can choose when to pass, shoot or	I can understand basic fielding	I can begin to time myself and try to
how to improve.	I can include stillness, travel, and	I can use levels (high, medium, low) and	move.	positions and their purpose.	beat my own score.
I can work with a partner and	gesture in my dance.	direction in a sequence.	I can describe how teamwork helps my	I can work with my team to plan how	I can explain how practice helps me
encourage them. (TTF: SDG 16 –	I can explain how my dance shows a	I can explain how gymnastics helps my	performance. (TTF: SDG 4 – Strategy	to get someone out. (TTF: SDG 3 –	improve. (TTF: Reflect on self-
Respect and cooperation in sport)	feeling or idea. (TTF: SDG 4/10 -	strength and balance. (TTF: SDG 3 -	and communication)	Teamwork and strategy)	improvement – SDG 4)
	Cultural inclusion and global learning)	Healthy body/mind)			
Vocabulary:			Kicks	Tactics:	Vocabulary:
	Vocabulary:	Jumps:	Side-foot short pass with timing		
Focus: developing technique and spatial		Straight jump with full turn	Outside-foot pass (intro)		Focus: improving technique and control in
decisions	Focus: Developing expression, timing, and	Tuck and star jumps from low apparatus	Passing and moving (e.g. 2-touch	Place the ball: aiming for gaps in the	athletic events
	use of space	Jump into balance	passing in football)	field.	
Forehand		Rolls:	Throws	Positioning: fielders spread out and	 Acceleration
Backhand	Phrase	Forward roll from standing	Chest pass with accuracy while on the	cover different areas.	• Rhythm
• Shot	 Expression 	Teddy bear roll	move	Cut-off play: fielders stop the ball	• Relay
• Court	• Flow	Log and egg rolls with controlled start (stars)	Bounce pass in space (basketball)One-handed overhead pass (rugby-style	before it reaches the boundary.	Baton
Boundary	• Unison	start/stop Balances:	spiral introduced)	 Running tactically: judging when to take one or two bases/runs. 	Take-off
Placement	• Canon	Paired balances	Passes	one of two bases/fulls.	Landing position
• Footwork	• Level	(symmetrical/asymmetrical)	Pass-and-move in triangles	Vocabulary:	Push (for throws)
• Spin (intro)	• Direction	Low-level partner balances using weight	Use of space: leading the teammate	Vocabulary.	Release point
• Opponent	Pattern Continue	transfer	with a pass	Focus: developing accuracy and applying	Consistency
• Rally	Gesture Control		Begin to "read" defenders and avoid	tactics	Pace
No sahadamahada ayada safia a tashaisaya ayad	• Control	Vocabulary:	interception		Durile develop and entereding of forces offers
Vocabulary helps pupils refine technique and understand playing space.	Deepens understanding of performance			Bowl	Pupils develop understanding of form, effort, and timing in running, jumping and throwing.
unacrstana piaying space.	elements and structured routines, using	Focus: developing fluency, control, and	Vocabulary:	Strike	and timing in raining, jumping and timowing.
	expressive movement vocabulary.	sequence structure		Overarm	
	,		Focus: basic tactics, movement into space,	Retrieve	
		• Control	and ball handling	Return	
		• Extension		Position	
		• Canon	Dodge Toolde	• Shot	
		UnisonTravel	Tackle Control	Run scorer	
		Balance	• Control	Anticipate	
		Forward roll	SupportMovement	Direction	
		Rhythm	Pressure		
		• Fluency	Marking	Children begin to make decisions about when	
		Gesture	Turnover	and where to hit or throw based on space and opponents.	
			Strategy	ина орронения.	
		Vocabulary supports creation of flowing	• Position		
		sequences and understanding of timing and			
		structure.	Vocabulary supports development of simple		
			team strategy and spatial thinking.		

Year 4 Progression Guidance

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control, and balance; compare and improve performance TTF: build perseverance and ownership of technique. I can vary the speed and height of the ball to make it harder for my opponent. I can return balls consistently using forehand and sometimes backhand. I can keep a short rally going using rules (e.g. 1 bounce). I can explain when to play a shot into expression; perform to others TTF: build confidence through risk, reflection, and refining routines. sequences; partner work. TTF: build confidence through risk, reflection, and refining routines. sequences; partner work. TTF: develop communication, decision-making and enjoyment of challenge. TTF: develop communication, decision-making a jump, roll and balance. I can pass accurately under pressure using feet or hands. I can use dodging, shielding or marking to help my team. I can work as part of a team using basic tactics. I can support and communicate with teammates during a game. I can explain when to play a shot into
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• Cat spring • Weighted passes (short vs. long) Focus: improving accuracy and
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• Area of play • Synchronise • Transition balances in sequences • Vocabulary: Focus: improved coordination, strategic • Compare
• Communication • Energy • Trio balances (low level) fielding and team roles
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Language supports transitions to competitive Rehearse Vocabulary: in competitive games • Boundary timing, and understanding for
and cooperative doubles games. • Evaluate • Backstop competition.
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• Rotation • Communication • Over • Rotation • Interception • Retrieve
• Sequence • Rebound • React
• Strength • Tracking
• Flexibility • Cover Vocabulary supports spatial awareness,
• Alignment throwing technique, and team strategy.
• Refinement Language supports increased tactical
awareness and fluid gameplay.
Language allows pupils to reflect on quality
of movement and create routines with
others.

Year 5 Progression Guidance

NC KS2: play competitive games (e.g. tennis, volleyball); apply attacking and defending traditions using a range of movement advanced movement patterns; evaluate and	NC KS2: competitive games including netball,		
TITE: Inclusion, respect, and confidence through sport to the ball using underarm or drop serve techniques. I can play forehand and backhand shots with control and purpose. I can serve the ball using underarm or drop serve techniques. I can perform traditional and contemporary dances with clear style and lineation. I can use the ball using underarm or drop serve techniques. I can use the ball using underarm or drop serve techniques. I can use the ball using underarm or drop serve techniques. I can use the ball using underarm or drop serve techniques. I can use the ball using underarm or drop serve techniques. I can use the ball using underarm or drop serve techniques. I can use the ball using underarm or drop serve techniques. I can use the ball using underarm or drop serve techniques. I can use the ball using underarm or drop serve techniques. I can use the ball using underarm or drop serve techniques. I can use the ball using underarm or drop serve techniques. I can use the ball using underarm or drop serve techniques. I can use the spart of a group to create and reflect on how cultural dance helps us underated other people's lives. (TIT: 506 10/16 – Diversity and emporty through dance) Vocabulary: Focus: Performing with precision, emotion, and group coordination Accents Focus: Performing with precision, emotion, and group coordination Accents Focus: Performing with precision, emotion, and group coordination Accents Focus: Performing with precision, emotion, and group coordination Consistency Spin serve Rotation (volleyball) Focus transition Extension Focus: Performing with precision, emotion, and group coordination Consistency Significant of the spin of the spin of the previous p	football, basketball, rugby; apply tactical awareness and reflect on performance TTF: promote fairness, inclusion and sports leadership. Football / Rugby / Basketball / Netball Specifics: I can use different types of passes (e.g. chest, bounce, overhead, short/long kicks) depending on the game. I can create space by moving into wide positions or making runs. I can defend by tracking and marking players. I can communicate and support my teammates during attacking and defending. I can reflect on how I work with others to win fairly and respectful competition) Kicks (Football) Lofted pass and through-ball Switch play using longer kick Outside-foot and chip passes Throws (Basketball, Netball, Rugby) Overhead throw with spin (rugby) One-handed bounce pass (basketball) Fasts, flat chest pass (netball) Passes Interchangeable roles: attacker ↔ support Tactical passing (draw defenders, overload) Using passing combinations to break through opposition lines Vocabulary: Focus: advanced team tactics (football, netball, rugby, basketball) Offside Channel Press Overload Width Switch play Back pass Support run Dummy Target player	NC KS2: play competitive games (e.g., cricket, rounders); apply tactics for attacking/defending. TTF: appreciation of nature and wellbeing through sport. I can bowl overarm using the correct technique for cricket or rounders. I can strike a bowled ball into space using control and accuracy. I can field effectively by anticipating the batter's actions. I can choose tactics as a batter or fielder to help my team. I can describe how playing sport outdoors supports my physical and mental health. (TTF: SDG 3 – Health & wellbeing, outdoor engagement) Tactics: Bowl with intent: varying delivery to challenge the batter (e.g., spin or placement). Batting order strategy: placing stronger batters later or earlier depending on score. Deliberate placement: playing shots behind fielders or avoiding skilled ones. Quick fielding and accurate returns: reducing runs by targeting the stumps/bases. Overthrow awareness: running on an error or bad throw. Vocabulary: Focus: sport-specific tactics in rounders and cricket Run out Wicket Stump Overarm bowl Placement Tactical hit Cover Support play Shot selection Fielding unit Language supports planning plays, exploiting gaps, and analysing batting and fielding roles.	NC KS2: develop strength, technique, control, balance (e.g., through athletics) TTF adds: self-motivation, awareness of others, and supporting peers • I can adjust my running technique to sprint or sustain endurance. • I can refine my jumping technique using the correct body position. • I can use different throwing techniques depending on the object. • I can set personal goals and work towards beating them. • I can support others by encouraging and giving positive feedback. (TTF: SDG 4 – Quality Education & inclusion) Vocabulary: Focus: performance strategy and applying specific techniques • Sprint start • Hurdles • Sprint finish • Standing long jump • Chest pass (for throwing) • Shot put • Javelin • Discus • Momentum • Control Pupils begin learning event-specific terms and techniques while evaluating their own performance.

Year 6 Progression Guidance

Net and Wall	Dance	Gymnastics	Invasion Games	Striking and Fielding	Athletics
NC KS2: demonstrate improvement and	NC KS2: compare performances, demonstrate	NC KS2: demonstrate improvement to	NC KS2: improve to achieve personal best;	NC KS2: compare performances, demonstrate	NC KS2: compare performance and
evaluate performance; apply principles of	improvement; choreograph and perform	achieve personal best; compare	compare and evaluate performances in	improvement, achieve personal best.	demonstrate improvement to achieve
play	expressively	performances.	competitive team sports	TTF: character education, fair play, decision-	personal best
TTF: performance leadership, sport as	TTF: celebrate voice and identity through	TTF: leadership, performance, and expressive	TTF: leadership, performance reflection, and	making in real-time.	TTF adds: health impact of physical activity,
expression, and challenge.	dance; use movement to communicate	movement to inspire or communicate.	social values through sport.		connection with outdoors, and valuing sport
	values, hopes and change.			I can apply tactics in full rounders or	for wellbeing
I can rally consistently and adapt my		I can choreograph a gymnastics routine	Football / Rugby / Basketball / Netball	cricket matches to outplay the	
shots to win points.	I can choreograph a dance that	using a theme (e.g. journey, nature,	Specifics:	opposition.	I can run, jump and throw with
I can use volleys, smashes or lobs in	communicates a message to an	resilience).		I can bowl legally and vary speed and	precision, control and efficiency.
different situations.	audience.	I can lead warm-ups and give	I can combine dribbling, passing and	direction.	I can analyse my performance and
I can play full-court games using proper .	I can lead and collaborate in rehearsing	constructive feedback to others.	movement to build attacks.	I can catch high and low balls with	explain how to improve.
scoring systems.	a group dance.	I can perform a complex sequence with fluorest greatisity and control	I can anticipate opponents' moves and	confidence.	I can plan and carry out a personal best
I can analyse my performance and plan hour to improve	 I can adapt movement to suit mood, music and space. 	fluency, creativity and control. I can explain how gymnastic movement	adjust my positioning.	I can make quick decisions in the game to current my team.	challenge. I can choose the best technique for a
 how to improve. I can lead warmups and encourage 	I can give constructive feedback using	can tell a story or express an idea.	I can adapt tactics based on my role (a.g. winger defender contro)	to support my team. I can reflect on my performance and set	given athletic event.
others to be positive and fair. (TTF: SDG		I can describe how I've improved	(e.g. winger, defender, centre).I can support others by giving	a goal for improvement. (TTF: SDG 3/4 –	I can explain how physical activity
4/16 – Leadership and fair competition)	I can explain how dance connects	through practice and self-belief. (TTF:	encouragement and respectful	Growth mindset, inclusion, enjoyment of	supports mental health and builds
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Vocabulary:	change. (TTF: SDG 4/10/16 – Dance as	Wellbeing)	I can lead warm-ups or team talks and		Wellbeing)
	expression, justice, empathy and voice)		model good sportsmanship. (TTF: SDG	Tactics:	
Focus: strategy, leadership, reflection and		Jumps:	4/16 – Leadership, inclusion, fairness)		
game analysis	Vocabulary:	Sequence of linked jumps and turns (e.g.			Vocabulary:
		straight \rightarrow half-turn \rightarrow tuck)	Kicks (Football)	Shot selection: choosing between	
• Lob	Focus: Leading, refining and analysing	Jump over apparatus and land into	Quick one-touch passing	power, placement, or defence based on	
• Slice	performance to express themes or narratives	balance	Cross-field passes under pressure	fielders.	Focus: leadership, peer assessment, and
 Advantage 		Incorporate flight (e.g. cat leap with	Decision-making: pass vs. dribble vs.	Field placements: adjusting field	competition readiness
 Strategy 	Choreography	travel) Rolls:	shoot	positions for left/right-handers or	
 Anticipation 	Performance space	Backward roll to straddle	Throws (Netball, Rugby, Basketball)	known batters. Team signals: using hand gestures or	• Track
 Pressure shot 	Refinement	Forward roll into jump or balance	Tactical fake and pass	Team signals: using hand gestures or code words for plans.	• Field event
 Communication 	• Leadership	Dive forward roll (advanced, only if safe)	No-look and reverse passes (basketball)Spin pass with direction change (rugby)	Risk vs reward: deciding when to play	Transition (relay)
Peer feedback	• Stimuli	and supported)	Passes	safe or aggressively.	ReactionSelf-assess
Evaluate	Narrative Audion on	Balances:	• Combination plays (e.g. give-and-go,	Adapting under pressure: changing	Refine
Adapt	Audience Dear feedback	Paired counter-tension and counter-	wall pass, triangle plays)	roles or tactics mid-game.	Evaluate
	Peer feedbackArtistry	balance on apparatus	 Create overloads through passing 		Achieve
Supports advanced decision-making,	Interpretation	Small group balances (3–4 pupils) with	sequences		Effort zone
reflection, and communication in games.	"interpretation	changes in level	Adjust timing and type of pass to suit	Vocabulary:	Performance goal
	Supports leadership in choreography, critical	Use of canon/unison in group balance	opponent positioning		. c.r.c.manec gean
	reflection, and preparation for secondary-	routines		Focus: advanced tactics, leadership, and	Language supports self-reflection, goal
	level dance or performance work.	Vocabulary:	Vocabulary:	performance analysis	setting, and accurate use of performance
	, ,	Focus: expression, leadership and refinement			data.
		• Composition	Focus: leadership, analysis, and advanced	Overthrow	
		Dynamic	strategy	Boundary shot	
		• Contrast	a Dhaca of play:	Tactical fielding	
		• Flow	Phase of play Defensive shape	• Cut-off	
		• Focus	Defensive shapeSet play	Communication zone Retation	
		 Leadership 	Counter attack	Rotation Innings	
		Peer feedback	Possession play	InningsDecision-making	
		 Aesthetics 	Zonal marking	Anticipation	
		Control and fluency	Man-to-man marking	Leadership	
		 Personal best 	Anticipation	Leadership	
			Decision-making	Pupils use precise vocabulary for peer	
		Year 6 vocabulary supports higher-level	Adaptation	coaching, tactical planning, and reflecting on	
		thinking, leadership, and reflective practice in	·	performance.	
		gymnastics.	Pupils use precise vocabulary to plan,		
			evaluate, and lead team performance.		

Orienteering Progression Guidance – Year 6

Aspect	Year 6 Combined Objective	Notes		
Map Interpretation & Reading	I can confidently read and interpret orienteering maps, including symbols, scale, and contours, to navigate routes. (E)	Consolidates Y5 "simple maps" and Y6 "complex maps."		
Compass & Direction	I can set a map and follow a bearing using a compass and directional language to find control points. (E) Merges basic and advanced direction skills.			
Teamwork & Problem Solving	lem Solving I can lead or support a team to solve navigation challenges, take turns, and make decisions about routes together. Encourages collaborative working from both the contraction of the contra			
Strategic Route Planning	li can plan efficient routes by comparing terrain and checkpoint options, and explain my reasoning.	Focuses on developing strategic thinking and map reasoning.		
Outdoor Responsibility	I can explain how orienteering helps me connect with nature and why protecting local green spaces matters. (SDG 15)	Builds awareness of environmental stewardship.		

Why These Statements Matter

- The essential (marked *E*) statements provide core competencies in navigation, safety, and teamwork, necessary for progression into KS3 outdoor and adventurous activities.
- The SDG-linked statements promote global citizenship and sustainability, aligning with TTF curriculum values and Eco Schools aims.
- Orienteering supports not only physical development but also critical thinking, environmental awareness, and resilience.

Cross-Curricular Progression Towards Year 6 Orienteering Skills

Year Group	Subject	Objective	Skill Contribution to Orienteering
	Maths	Describe position, direction and movement, including whole turns, half turns, quarter turns.	Foundation for using directional language and turning.
Voor 1	Geography	Use simple fieldwork and observational skills to study the geography of their school and its grounds.	Encourages spatial awareness and real-world map engagement.
Year 1	PE	Participate in team games, developing simple tactics for attacking and defending.	Introduces teamwork and basic strategic decision-making.
	Science	Observe closely, using simple equipment.	Lays groundwork for observing natural features in fieldwork.
	Maths Use mathematical vocabulary to describe position, direction and movement including clockwise and anticlockwise.		Develops precision in describing and following directions.
Year 2	Geography	Use simple compass directions (N, S, E, W) and locational/directional language.	Direct link to compass and map reading.
	PE	Develop balance, agility and coordination.	Builds physical navigation skills for outdoor movement.
	Geography	Use maps, atlases and digital mapping to locate countries and describe features studied.	Introduces use of maps as abstract representations of space.
Year 3	Maths	Interpret and present data using bar charts, pictograms and tables.	Prepares for interpreting abstract symbols and data — like map keys.
	Science	Set up simple practical enquiries and comparative tests.	Begins to develop planning, predicting and evaluating — useful in route reflection.
	Geography	Use the eight points of a compass, four-figure grid references, symbols and keys.	Directly relevant to orienteering maps and directional navigation.
Year 4	Maths	Describe positions on a 2-D grid as coordinates in the first quadrant.	Underpins understanding of grid systems in map reading.
Teal 4	PE	Develop teamwork and communication in problem-solving games.	Supports collaborative navigation and decision-making.
	Science	Make systematic and careful observations; draw conclusions.	Encourages careful observation in a natural environment — important in orienteering.
	Geography	Use maps and digital/computer mapping to locate features and describe landscapes.	Deepens map skills and terrain awareness.
Voor E	Maths	Identify, describe and represent the position of a shape following a reflection or translation.	Enhances understanding of spatial changes — useful in planning efficient routes.
Year 5	PE	Take part in outdoor and adventurous activity challenges both individually and within a team.	Provides foundational experience in basic orienteering and team leadership.
	Science	Plan different types of scientific enquiries to answer questions. Record data and report findings.	Develops skills for planning and evaluating performance — relevant in route analysis.

Vocabulary Tables

Net and Wall Vocabulary All Year Groups

Tier 1 (Everyday Language)	Tier 2 (General Subject Vocabulary with Definitions)	Tier 3 (Technical Net and Wall Vocabulary with Definitions)
Ball	Aim – To direct an object towards a target.	Forehand – A shot played on the same side as the player's dominant hand using an open palm or racket face.
Bat	Control – The ability to strike, catch, or manipulate the ball with accuracy.	Backhand – A shot played across the body on the non-dominant side, with the back of the hand or racket facing the net.
Hit	Serve – The action that starts a rally, sending the ball or shuttle over the net into play.	Volley – A shot where the ball is hit before it touches the ground.
Throw	Return – Hitting or playing the ball back after receiving it.	Drop shot – A gentle shot that just clears the net and lands close to it, used to outwit the opponent.
Catch	Direction – The chosen path or angle of a shot or pass.	Lob – A high, arching shot that travels over an opponent and lands deep in their court.
Bounce	Target – A designated area or object a player aims to reach or hit.	Smash – A powerful downward shot used to finish a rally and score a point.
Тар	Partner – A person you play with in a cooperative or competitive game.	Spin serve – A serve with added spin to affect the bounce or trajectory of the ball.
Roll	Rally – A series of returns between players or teams before a point is scored or an error occurs.	Foot fault – A rule violation where a player steps over the boundary line while serving.
Side	Ready position – A balanced stance with bent knees, alert posture, and hands ready to act.	Rotation – In volleyball, the clockwise movement of players around the court after winning a point on the opponent's serve.
Net	Teamwork – Working together with others to achieve success in a game.	Advantage – A tennis scoring term indicating a player has won a point after deuce and needs one more to win the game.
Court	Communication – Using verbal or visual signals to support play with teammates.	Slice – A shot hit with a glancing motion, causing the ball to spin sideways or stay low.
Friend	Score – The number of points won by each player or team during a game.	Doubles – A game format with two players per team, usually used in tennis, badminton, and table tennis.
Play	Opposition – The team or player you are competing against.	Rally score – A scoring system where points are won on every rally, regardless of who served.
Game	Footwork – The movement and positioning of the feet to support accurate and agile play.	Set-up – In doubles or volleyball, a planned action where one player prepares the ball for a teammate to strike.
	Timing – The ability to act at the correct moment, particularly when striking or intercepting the ball.	Strategy – A plan of action designed to exploit strengths or take advantage of opponents' weaknesses.
	Anticipation – Predicting where the ball will go or how the opponent will respond.	Pressure shot – A difficult shot made during a key moment in the match.
	Peer feedback – Comments given by teammates or classmates to help improve performance.	Evaluate – To judge the quality or effectiveness of a performance and suggest improvements.
	Adapt – To change technique or tactics in response to gameplay.	

Dance Vocabulary – All Year Groups

Tier 1 (Everyday Language)	Tier 2 (General Subject Vocabulary with Definitions)	Tier 3 (Technical Dance Vocabulary with Definitions)
Move	Beat – The basic unit of time in music or rhythm that dancers can move in time with.	Canon – A choreographic device where dancers perform the same movement phrase one after the other.
Dance	Rhythm – A pattern of sounds or movements with a regular or varied beat.	Unison – Dancers performing the same movement at the same time.
Spin	Travel – To move from one place to another across the space.	Motif – A sequence of movements that is repeated and developed throughout a dance.
Jump	Stillness – A pause or frozen shape within a sequence.	Formation – The arrangement of dancers in space (e.g., lines, circles, groups).
Clap	Copy – To repeat a movement after seeing it demonstrated.	Dynamics – The quality of movement: how it is performed (e.g., sharp, soft, heavy, light).
Shake	Contrast – Using opposing movements or qualities (e.g., fast vs slow, high vs low) to create interest.	Stimulus – An idea or object that inspires or starts the creation of a dance.
Wiggle	Mirror – To reflect another dancer's movement as if in a mirror.	Phrase – A short sequence of movements that form a unit within a longer dance.
Turn	Sequence – A series of movements put together in a particular order.	Transition – A movement or link that joins two parts of a dance sequence smoothly.
Go	Level – The height at which a movement is performed (high, medium, or low).	Extension – The stretching or lengthening of limbs or body to enhance line and shape.
Stop	Direction – The path a dancer moves in (e.g., forwards, sideways, diagonally).	Interpretation – The way a dancer expresses or represents meaning through movement.
Jump high	Freeze – To stop movement completely and hold a shape or position.	Refinement – The process of improving a dance through repetition and feedback.
Fast	Energy – The effort used in movement (e.g., smooth, jerky, heavy, light).	Choreography – The art of creating and arranging dance movements and sequences.
Slow	Control – The ability to perform movements with precision, balance, and coordination.	Performance space – The area in which a dance is performed and how it is used by the dancer(s).
	Rehearse – To practise a performance to improve timing, accuracy, and confidence.	Artistry – The expressive and creative qualities a dancer brings to a performance.
	Evaluate – To reflect on and judge a performance in order to improve it.	Peer feedback – Constructive comments shared with classmates to support each other's development.
	Focus – Where a dancer directs their eyes, energy, or attention during a movement or performance.	Narrative – A story told through movement and expression in dance.
	Clarity – The precision and cleanliness of movement execution.	

Gymnastics Vocabulary – All Year Groups

Tier 1 (Everyday Language)	Tier 2 (General Subject Vocabulary with Definitions)	Tier 3 (Technical Gymnastics Vocabulary with Definitions)
Move	Travel – Moving from one place to another using different body parts (e.g. walking, crawling, jumping).	Forward roll – A controlled roll over the head, shoulders, and back while tucking the body.
Stop	Balance – A position where the body is held still and steady using one or more body parts.	Counterbalance – A partner balance where body weight is shared equally and supports are applied in opposite directions.
Jump	Shape – The form or position the body makes, such as tuck, star, or straight.	Counter-tension – A partner movement in which two people pull against each other to maintain balance.
Stretch	Stillness – Holding a position without movement to demonstrate control.	Body tension – Tightening muscles to control movement and maintain strong shapes or balances.
Roll	Level – The height of the movement: high, medium or low.	Canon – A performance structure where individuals or groups perform the same movement phrase in succession.
Curl	Direction – The path or orientation of movement (e.g. forward, backward, sideways).	Unison – Performing the same movements at the same time as others.
Tall	Sequence – A planned series of linked movements that create a short performance.	Motif – A repeated movement phrase that is developed and varied throughout a routine.
Small	Control – The ability to perform a movement accurately and smoothly.	Extension – The straightening and lengthening of limbs to create a strong, clean line.
Wide	Pathway – The route or pattern followed when travelling across a space.	Alignment – Keeping the head, shoulders, hips and legs in line when balancing or moving.
Freeze	Flow – The smooth connection of movements without stopping or jerking.	Rotation – A movement where the body turns around an axis (e.g. turning, spinning, rolling).
Turn	Transition – A movement that links one shape or action to the next in a sequence.	Synchronise – Performing movements at exactly the same time as a partner or group.
Friend	Expression – Using body language and movement to show feelings or ideas in performance.	Composition – The process of planning and putting together a dance or gymnastic routine.
Play	Rhythm – The pattern of movement, often linked to music or internal timing.	Choreography – The creative process of designing sequences or routines, typically in dance or gymnastics.
Game	Precision – Performing movements with accuracy and exactness.	Aesthetics – The visual appeal of a performance – how beautiful or well-formed it looks.
	Confidence – Showing belief in one's ability to perform, take risks, or lead.	Evaluation – Assessing the strengths and areas for improvement in a performance.
	Entry and exit – The movements used to begin and end a sequence.	Leadership – The act of guiding or supporting others through modelling, coaching, or organising activities.
	Performance space – The area in which a routine or sequence is performed.	Personal best – The best performance an individual can achieve, focusing on self-improvement.
	Peer feedback – Supportive comments given by classmates to help improve performance.	Interpretation – How a performer chooses to express or communicate the theme or mood of a routine.
	Refinement – Making small improvements to technique, timing or flow after practising or receiving feedback.	Contrast – Using opposites (e.g. fast/slow, high/low, strong/soft) in a routine to create interest and impact.

Invasion Games Vocabulary – All Year Groups

Tier 1 (Everyday Language)	Tier 2 (General Subject Vocabulary with Definitions)	Tier 3 (Technical Sport-Specific Vocabulary with Definitions)
Ball	Pass – To send the ball to a teammate by kicking, throwing, or striking it.	Offside – A rule violation in some games (like football) where a player is too far ahead of the ball and defenders when receiving a pass.
Kick	Catch – To receive and hold a ball thrown or passed.	Zonal marking – A defensive strategy where each player guards a specific area of the pitch or court.
Throw	Dribble – To move the ball along the ground using repeated taps (foot in football, hands in basketball).	Man-to-man marking – A strategy where each defender is responsible for marking a specific opponent.
Catch	Score – To gain a point by sending the ball into the opposing goal or net.	Overload – Creating a numerical advantage in one area of the pitch to outnumber the opposition.
Run	Teamwork – Working together to achieve a common goal.	Press – Applying pressure to opponents to force an error or regain possession.
Stop	Opponent – The person or team you are playing against.	Switch play – Changing the direction of attack quickly by passing across the pitch.
Turn	Defend – To try to stop the opposing team from scoring.	Dummy – A deceptive move intended to mislead a defender.
Friend	Attack – To try to move towards the opponent's goal to score.	Set play – A planned action taken after a stoppage (e.g., corner, free kick, centre pass).
Play	Mark – To stay close to an opposing player to limit their impact on the game.	Counter attack – A rapid move to transition from defence to attack, catching opponents off guard.
Game	Space – An open area on the field or court where a player can move or pass into.	Defensive shape – The arrangement of players when defending to cover key areas and limit space.
	Move – To change position to support teammates or find space.	Possession play – A strategy focused on keeping control of the ball through short passes and movement.
	Turnover – When possession of the ball changes from one team to another.	Target player – A designated player positioned to receive passes and create scoring chances.
	Support – Helping a teammate by being available for a pass or assisting in defence.	Phase of play – A segment of continuous play within a game (e.g., a build-up to an attack or defensive stand).
	Intercept – To stop a pass from reaching its intended target.	Zonal defence – A defensive system where players cover areas instead of marking individuals.
	Dodge – A quick movement to avoid a defender or create space.	Anticipation – Predicting and reacting to the opponent's next move to gain an advantage.
	Chase – Running after a player or ball to regain possession.	Decision-making – Choosing the best action in a game situation, such as whether to pass, shoot, or dribble.
	Tackle – To try to take the ball from an opponent fairly.	Adaptation – The ability to change tactics or positioning during a game based on what's happening.
	Communication – Using speech or signals to work effectively with teammates.	

Striking and Fielding Vocabulary - All Year Groups

Tier 1 (Everyday Language)	Tier 2 (General Subject Vocabulary with Definitions)	Tier 3 (Technical Vocabulary with Definitions)
Ball	Hit – To strike a ball with a bat, hand, or another object to send it into play.	Bowler – The player who delivers the ball to the batter (e.g. in rounders or cricket).
Bat	Throw – To propel the ball through the air using an overarm or underarm action.	Backstop – A fielder positioned behind the batter to catch missed or deflected balls.
Run	Catch – To stop a moving ball and hold it securely in the hands.	Wicket – In cricket, the set of stumps that the bowler aims at and the batter protects.
Throw	Roll – To move the ball along the ground, typically to aim at a target or return it.	Stump – One of the three vertical posts that form the wicket in cricket.
Catch	Teamwork – Working together with others to achieve a shared goal, such as fielding efficiently.	Overarm bowl – A bowling technique in which the ball is delivered with a straight arm above the shoulder.
Stop	Base – A safe point on the field that a batter runs to after striking the ball.	Boundary – The outer edge of the playing area; hitting the ball here scores additional runs.
Turn	Fielder – A player who attempts to retrieve, stop or catch the ball once it is in play.	Long barrier – A fielding technique where the player uses their body and hands to stop a moving ball.
Friend	Batter – The player who strikes the ball to try to score runs.	Run out – When a batter is out because a fielder hits the stumps before the batter reaches a base.
Play	Direction – The path or angle in which the ball is hit or thrown.	Shot selection – Choosing the best type of hit based on the position of fielders and available space.
Game	Chase – To run after the ball after it has been struck.	Cut-off – A technique where one fielder intercepts the ball and throws it quickly to stop further scoring.
	Retrieve – To collect the ball and return it to the play area or a teammate.	Fielding unit – A coordinated group of players working together to defend and return the ball.
	Score – To earn points or runs by reaching a base or hitting into a boundary area.	Innings – A period of batting or fielding in which a team attempts to score as many runs as possible.
	React – To move or respond quickly to the ball being struck.	Rotation – When players switch roles or positions during a game (e.g. between batting and fielding).
	Communication – Using verbal or visual signals to coordinate play with teammates.	Overthrow – When a fielder throws the ball too far or inaccurately, allowing the batting team to score more.
	Decision – Choosing when to run, throw, or aim based on the situation.	Tactical fielding – Placing fielders in strategic positions to reduce scoring opportunities.
	Run scorer – The player who successfully reaches bases or scores through hitting into space.	Anticipation – Predicting the batter's action and moving early to intercept the ball.

Tactical Concepts to Introduce Progressively:

Concept	Year to Introduce	Application
Hitting into space	Y1–Y2	Placement over power
Covering zones	Y2-Y3	Fielding positions and spacing
Quick return to stumps	Y3–Y4	Stopping runs
Judging risk	Y4–Y5	Run or stay, hit or defend
Supporting teammates	Y2-Y6	Backing up, communication
Planning batting order	Y5–Y6	Strengths/weaknesses in a team
Reading the batter	Y5–Y6	Adjusting fielding tactics
Real-time decision making	Y5–Y6	Adapting to game situations

Athletics Vocabulary – All Year Groups

Tier 1 (Everyday Language)	Tier 2 (General Subject Vocabulary with Definitions)	Tier 3 (Technical Athletics Vocabulary with Definitions)
Run	Fast – Moving quickly across a distance.	Sprint start – The crouched or standing position used to begin a sprint race.
Jump	Slow – Moving at a low speed.	Take-off – The moment an athlete leaves the ground in a jump.
Throw	Balance – A stable body position that helps with control during movement.	Flight phase – The part of a jump when the body is in the air.
Race	Power – Strength and speed combined to produce explosive movement.	Javelin – A throwing event where a spear-like object is thrown for distance using an overarm technique.
Stop	Control – The ability to move with purpose and stability.	Shot put – A throwing event where a heavy ball is pushed from the neck using proper form.
Turn	Target – A specific area or object the athlete aims to reach or hit.	Discus – A throwing event where a disc-shaped object is spun and thrown for distance.
Try again	Speed – How fast something or someone moves.	Relay – A team running event where athletes pass a baton to complete a race in parts.
Friend	Distance – The length an object is thrown or a person has run/jumped.	Baton – A lightweight stick passed between runners in a relay race.
Game	Effort – The amount of energy or determination used during an activity.	Stride – The distance covered in one step while running.
Run fast	Aiming – Directing a throw or movement toward a goal or target.	Momentum – The force or speed gained by a moving object, especially in jumps and throws.
Jump high	Try your best – Giving full effort to improve or succeed.	Pace – The consistent speed maintained during a longer distance event.
Go	Improve – To get better at a skill or performance.	Reaction time – How quickly an athlete responds to a starting signal.
Move	Compare – To look at two performances to see which was more effective.	Performance goal – A target set by the athlete to improve on a previous personal best.
Walk	Personal best – The best performance a person has achieved in a specific event.	Transition – The smooth handover between runners during a relay.
	Recovery – The act of regaining control or energy after effort.	Hurdles – A sprinting event that includes leaping over evenly spaced barriers at speed.
	Self-assess – Judging and reflecting on your own performance.	Refine – To make small improvements to a technique or action after feedback or self-reflection.
	Evaluate – To analyse performance and identify what went well and what could be improved.	Field event – An athletics event involving jumping or throwing, as opposed to running on the track.
		Track – The area where running races take place, typically marked in lanes around a looped circuit.

Orienteering Vocabulary – Year 6

Tier 1 (Everyday Language)	Tier 2 (Subject-Specific Vocabulary with Definitions)	Tier 3 (Technical Vocabulary with Definitions)
Мар	Route – A path or course to travel from one point to another.	Control point – A marked location on the course that participants must find using their map and compass.
Walk	Checkpoint – A place to visit during the orienteering course to prove successful navigation.	Orientate (a map) – To align the map with the actual terrain using a compass or landscape features.
Run	Navigate – To find your way using a map or compass.	Bearing – A specific direction measured in degrees using a compass.
Turn	Direction – The line or path along which something moves or faces.	Scale – The ratio on a map that shows the relationship between map distance and real-world distance.
Path	Symbol – A picture or mark on a map that represents a real feature (e.g., tree, building).	Contour line – A line on a map showing areas of equal elevation, used to show hills or valleys.
Left	Key (legend) – The section of a map that explains what each symbol or colour means.	Punch card / electronic dibber – A device used to record that a participant has visited a control point.
Right	Route choice – The decision made about the best way to get from one point to another.	Attack point – A large, easily visible feature near the control point used to simplify navigation.
Up	Compass point – One of the four main directions: North, East, South, and West.	Thumb compass – A small compass worn on the thumb, used in orienteering for quick map alignment.
Down	Teamwork – Working with others to solve navigation problems and make joint decisions.	Re-entrant – A small valley or indentation in the terrain, often used as a navigation landmark.
Find	Estimate – To make an educated guess about distance or direction based on available information.	Relocation – The process of working out your position again after becoming disoriented or lost.
Look	Challenge – A task that requires problem-solving or physical effort to complete.	Route card – A plan showing the route, estimated times, and features to be passed, used for safety planning.
Go	Obstacle – Something that gets in the way of a route and needs to be avoided or negotiated.	Dead reckoning – Navigation by using direction and distance from a known point without clear landmarks.

Curriculum Objectives Reference Tables

Below is a set of reference tables for each main PE strand from our progression document. Each table shows:

- Relevant National Curriculum (NC) objectives
- Corresponding Teach the Future (TTF) adaptations
- A brief explanation showing how our progression guidance aligns to both

Athletics – Reference Table

Framework	Objective	Alignment in Progression Guidance
NC	Run, jump, throw with increasing control, technique, and application in isolation and combination	Progression includes sprinting, pacing, relay transitions, jumps, throws, and personal best tracking
NC	Develop flexibility, strength, technique, control and balance	Introduced in Year 3–6 through form-based sprint starts, throwing techniques, and jumping phases
TTF	Develop personal challenge and sustained effort through tracking improvement	'I can' statements focus on self-improvement, goal setting, and performance reflection
TTF	Understand energy and the impact of physical activity on the body and the planet	Vocabulary and SDG links encourage climate-conscious attitudes toward performance and outdoor learning

Striking and Fielding – Reference Table

Framework	Objective	Alignment in Progression Guidance
NC	Master striking and fielding skills and apply them in game situations	Progression outlines bat and ball skills from basic aim/strike to positional play in cricket/rounders
NC	Play competitive games and apply basic principles suitable for attacking and defending	Game formats from Year 3 onward include tactical decisions (e.g. cut-offs, placement, overarm throws)
TTF	Learn about fair play, rule adherence, and inclusive sport	Vocabulary includes decision, teamwork, strategy, and fielding roles to support inclusive gameplay
TTF	Reflect on movement choices, adapt tactics, and reduce wasted effort	Tactical vocabulary (e.g., rotation, communication, overthrow) supports strategic thinking

Net and Wall – Reference Table

Framework	Objective	Alignment in Progression Guidance
NC	Use throwing and catching in combination with tactics in modified and competitive games	Skills like serve, return, rally, and shot placement taught from Year 3–6, with increasing accuracy
NC	Develop communication and cooperation in team or paired settings	Doubles games and call-and-response play build strategic cooperation
TTF	Learn to anticipate movement and space through positional awareness	Vocabulary includes prediction, space, and footwork
TTF	Promote resilience and self-regulation through challenge and feedback	'I can' statements promote evaluation and collaborative skill development

Dance – Reference Table

Framework	Objective	Alignment in Progression Guidance
NC	Perform dances using simple movement patterns	Reception to Y2 focuses on rhythm, mood, contrast, and storytelling through body movement
NC	Develop flexibility, strength, technique, control and balance	Year 3–6 explore extension, unison, canon, motif development, formation and timing
TTF	Use dance to communicate themes, ideas, or social/environmental messages	Vocabulary includes narrative, stimuli, interpretation, artistry; SDG links possible at upper KS2
TTF	Encourage pupil-led choreography and expression	Progressive development of leadership, peer feedback, and choreography in Y5–6

Gymnastics – Reference Table

Framework	Objective	Alignment in Progression Guidance
NC	Develop flexibility, strength, technique, control and balance through movement	Rolls, balances, travel, and jumps introduced from Reception and refined into sequences by Year 6
NC	Perform sequences with clear start, middle and end, including apparatus where appropriate	KS2 progression includes floor and apparatus work with transitions and performance evaluation
TTF	Use movement creatively to explore challenge, self-expression, and control	Vocabulary includes transition, pattern, sequence, and variation
TTF	Reflect on physical safety and care for others when using equipment	Emphasis on collaboration, spotting, mat safety and peer feedback

Invasion Games – Reference Table

Framework	Objective	Alignment in Progression Guidance
NC	Use running, jumping, catching and throwing in combination	KS1 builds foundations; Y3–6 specialise in football, netball, basketball, and tag rugby skills
NC	Apply basic principles of attacking and defending	Focus on space, marking, intercepting, tactical roles (e.g. striker, wing) introduced progressively
TTF	Build understanding of movement, rules, and respect for others	Vocabulary and leadership roles support fair play, inclusivity and awareness of others
TTF	Use sport as a tool for conflict resolution, wellbeing, and belonging	Reflected in team roles, collaborative strategy, and evaluative discussion

Outdoor and Adventurous (Orienteering) – Reference Table

Framework	Objective	Alignment in Progression Guidance
NC	Take part in outdoor and adventurous activity challenges both individually and within a team	Year 6 progression includes map use, compass skills, collaboration, and personal challenge
TTF	Encourage connection with nature and understanding of the environment	Vocabulary and SDG 15 links support place-based learning and sustainability
TTF	Promote teamwork, navigation, safety and reflection in varied outdoor settings	'I can' statements build independence, communication, and responsibility for safe decision-making