

Knowledge Organiser

Ball Skills Year 3 and Year 4

About this Unit

Ball skills build hand-eye co-ordination, spatial awareness and balance. You can control a ball using lots of different parts of your body. You may have seen a football player kick and dribble with their feet, or even use their head to header the ball, their hands to save a goal or throw the ball in from a sideline. The ball skills in this unit will help you in lots of activities and sports.



Do you know which of these sports uses each of these movement skills?

Examples of games that use ball skills:

Target Games	Invasion Games	Striking & Fielding Games	Net & Wall Games
Boules	Netball		Tennis
Boccia	Football		Volleyball
New Age Kurling	Tag Rugby	Rounders	Badminton
Dodgeball	Handball	Cricket	
	Basketball	Baseball	

Key Vocabulary



- accurate:** successful in reaching the intended target
- block:** to prevent a movement or pathway of an object
- collect:** to pick up
- control:** being able to perform a skill with good technique
- decision:** select an outcome
- momentum:** the direction created by weight and power
- opponent:** someone not on your team
- personal best:** a target outcome of an individual
- possession:** when a team has the ball they are in possession
- power:** speed and strength combined
- pressure:** to add challenge
- react:** to respond to quickly
- receive:** to collect or stop a ball that is sent to you
- select:** choose
- technique:** the action used correctly
- track:** to move your body to get in line with a ball that is coming towards you

Ladder Knowledge



Sending:
Year 3: pointing your hand/foot/stick to your target as you release will help you to send a ball accurately.
Year 4: you can use a variety of ways to send the ball and it may depend on the situation e.g. distance, speed, if there is a defender.

Catching:
Year 3: moving your feet to the ball will make you more successful at catching.
Year 4: adjust your hands to the height of the ball. Little fingers together for a close catch, thumbs together for a high catch.

Tracking:
Year 3: use a ready position to help you to react to the ball.
Year 4: tracking a ball is an important skill used in games activities such as rounders, football and tennis.

Dribbling:
Year 3: dribbling is an attacking skill used in games which helps us to move towards a goal or away from defenders.
Year 4: dribbling with soft hands/touches will help you to keep control.

Movement Skills

- track
- throw
- catch
- dribble
- kick

Social

communication, work safely, collaboration

Emotional

perseverance, personal challenge, calmness, fairness

Thinking

provide feedback, tactics, comprehension, reflection, make decisions

This unit will also help you to develop other important skills.

Strategy

Whether you are using your hands or feet, lots of teaching points that help you to use a ball are the same. For example when dribbling a ball with your hands, feet or even bouncing it on a racket, using soft touches will help you to control it.

See if you can think of any other teaching points that are the same even when using different body parts.

Healthy Participation



Make sure unused balls are stored in a safe place to stop them rolling.

Make sure you work in a safe space and show an awareness of others as you send a ball.

Home Learning

Find more games that develop these skills in the Home Learning Active Families tab on www.getset4education.co.uk



If you enjoy this unit why not see if there is a ball game e.g. a basketball club in your local area.

How will this unit help your body?

agility, balance, co-ordination, speed

Kerby

What you need: 1 ball, two kerbs that are approx. 4m apart, 1 or more players

How to play:

- Players stand opposite each other on the pavement.
- Players take turns to throw to hit the opposite kerb.
- If successful the player can take a jump towards the opposite kerb and throw again.
- If unsuccessful the other player gets a turn.
- When throwing, if the ball bounces back and hits your own kerb or if it bounces back and you catch it, you take two jumps towards the opposite kerb.
- First player to reach the opposite kerb wins.

Play with more people by playing in teams.

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