



Updated July 2021	Subject Essential Knowledge – PE – Athletics
Embedding our	Curricular Goal:
learning culture	EYFS: The main Early Years Outcomes covered in the Athletics units are:
	• Shows increasing control over an object in pushing, patting, throwing, catching or kicking it. (PD – M&H 40-60)
Learning to Live	• Children show good control and co-ordination in large and small movements. (PD – M&H ELG)
	Negotiates space successfully when playing racing and chasing games with other children, adjusting speed or changing direction to avoid
	obstacles. (PD M&H 40-60) • Experiments with different ways of moving. (PD M&H 40-60)
	• They move confidently in a range of ways, safely negotiating space. (PD M&H ELG)
	KS1: Pupils should develop fundamental movement skills, become increasingly competent and confident and access a broad range of
	opportunities to extend their agility, balance and coordination, individually and with others. They should be able to engage in competitive (both
Living to Love	against self and against others) and co-operative physical activities, in a range of increasingly challenging situations. Pupils should be taught to:
	• master basic movements including running, jumping, throwing and catching, as well as developing balance, agility and co-ordination, and begin to apply these in a range of activities;
	• participate in team games, developing simple tactics for attacking and defending
	KS2: Pupils should continue to apply and develop a broader range of skills, learning how to use them in different ways and to link them to make
	actions and sequences of movement. They should enjoy communicating, collaborating and competing with each other. They should develop an
Loving to Learn	understanding of how to improve in different physical activities and sports and learn how to evaluate and recognise their own success. Pupils should be taught to:
	• use running, jumping, throwing and catching in isolation and in combination;
	• play competitive games, modified where appropriate [for example, badminton, basketball, cricket, football, hockey, netball, rounders and
	tennis], and apply basic principles suitable for attacking and defending;
	• develop flexibility, strength, technique, control and balance [for example, through athletics and gymnastics];
	• compare their performances with previous ones and demonstrate improvement to achieve their personal best

Component 1: Health & Fitness										
Reception Essential Knowledge	Year 1 Essential Knowledge	Year 2 Essential Knowledge	Year 3 Essential Knowledge	Year 4 Essential Knowledge	Year 5 Essential Knowledge	Year 6 Essential Knowledge				
Describe how the body feels when still and when exercising.	Describe how the body feels before, during and after exercise. Carry and place equipment safely.	Recognise and describe how the body feels during and after different physical activities. Explain what they need to stay healthy.	Recognise and describe the effects of exercise on the body. Know the importance of strength and flexibility for physical activity. Explain why it is important to warm up and cool down.	Describe how the body reacts at different times and how this affects performance. Explain why exercise is good for your health. Know some reasons for warming up and cooling down	Know and understand the reasons for warming up and cooling down. Explain some safety principles when preparing for and during exercise.	understand the importance of warming up and cooling down. Carry out warmups and cooldowns safely and effectively. Understand why exercise is good for health, fitness and wellbeing. Know ways they can become healthier				
	Component 2: Running									
Run in different ways for a variety of purposes.	Vary their pace and speed when running. Run with a basic technique over different distances. Show good posture and balance.	Run at different paces, describing the different paces. Use a variety of different stride lengths. Travel at different speeds. Begin to select	Identify and demonstrate how different techniques can affect their performance. Focus on their arm and leg action to improve their	Confidently demonstrate an improved technique for sprinting. Carry out an effective sprint finish. Perform a relay,	Accelerate from a variety of starting positions and select their preferred position. Identify their reaction times when performing a sprint start.	Recap, practise and refine an effective sprinting technique, including reaction time. Build up speed quickly for a sprint finish.				

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		when jogging. Sprint in a straight line. Change direction when sprinting. Maintain control as they change direction when jogging or	and speed for distance. Complete an obstacle course. Vary the speed and direction in which they are travelling. Run with basic techniques following a curved line. Be able to maintain and control a run over different	Begin to combine running with jumping over hurdles. Focus on trail leg and lead leg action when running over hurdles. Understand the importance of adjusting running pace to suit the distance	changeover technique. Speed up and slow down	refine their technique for sprinting, focusing on an effective sprint start. Select the most suitable pace for the distance and their fitness level in order to maintain a sustained run. Identify and demonstrate stamina, explaining its importance for	with fluency, focusing on the lead leg technique and a consistent stride pattern. Accelerate to pass other competitors. Work as a team to competitively perform a relay. Confidently and independently select the most appropriate pace for different distances and different parts of the run. Demonstrate endurance and stamina over longer distances in order to

Roll equipment in different ways. Throw underarm. Throw an object at a target	Throw underarm and overarm. Throw a ball towards a target with increasing accuracy. Improve the distance they can throw by using more power	Know that the leg muscles are used when performing a jumping action. Composition Throw different types of equipment in different ways, for accuracy and distance. Throw with accuracy at targets of different heights. Investigate ways to alter their throwing technique to achieve greater distance.	Throw with greater control and accuracy. Show increasing control in their overarm throw. Perform a push throw. Continue to develop techniques to throw for increased distance.	Perform a pull throw. Measure the distance of their throws. Continue to develop techniques to throw for increased distance	Perform a fling throw. Throw a variety of implements using a range of throwing techniques. Measure and record the distance of their throws. Continue to develop techniques to throw for increased distance	jumps with confidence and accuracy. Perform a heave throw. Measure and record the distance of their throws. Continue to develop techniques to throw for increased distance and support others in improving their personal best. Develop and refine techniques to throw for
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Component 5: Compete and Perform						
Control my body when performing a sequence of movements. Participate in simple games.	Begin to perform learnt skills with some control. Engage in competitive activities and team games	Perform learnt skills with increasing control. Compete against self and others.	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.
		Compo	nent 6: Evaluate	,		
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.