

## Knowledge Organiser: Gymnastics Y1



## Links to the PE National Curriculum

- 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.
- 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.

## **Key Skills: Physical**

- Travelling actions
- Shapes
- Balances
- Jumps
- Barrel roll
- Straight roll
- Forward roll progressions

## Key Skills: S.E.T

- Social: Sharing
- Social: Working safely
- Emotional: Confidence
- Thinking: Observing and providing feedback
- Thinking: Selecting and applying actions



## Ways to improve a sequence

**Starting and finishing position:** Include a starting and finishing position.

**Level:** Use a variety of levels. Can you explore that balance, shape, jump on a different level?

**Action:** Include a variety of actions such as a jump, balance, travel, shape.

**Balance:** Hold your balances with good extension and clear shapes for 3 – 5 seconds.

**Body tension:** Squeeze your muscles to create and hold strong clear shapes.

**Direction:** Vary the direction used within a sequence e.g. forwards, backwards, sideways.

**Speed:** Vary the speed used within a sequence e.g. fast and slow.

## **Key Vocabulary:**

action travel balance jump
direction roll point shape
speed fast slow level

## **Teacher Glossary**

**Shapes:** E.g. tuck, pike, straddle, dish, arch, star.

**Action:** The skill a gymnast uses in their sequence e.g. travel, jump, shape, balance, roll.

Level: High, medium and low.

Sequence: A number of actions linked together.

**Body tension:** Squeezing muscles to help to stay strong when performing actions. Having good body tension improves the quality of an action.



# Where this unit sits



## **Assessment Criteria**

#### Reception

- I can negotiate space safely with consideration for myself and others.
- I can confidently and safely use a range of large and small apparatus.
- I can combine movements, selecting actions in response to the task and apparatus.
- I use movement skills with developing strength, balance and co-ordination showing increasing control and grace.
- I follow instructions involving several ideas or actions.
- I work co-operatively with others and take turns.
- I am confident to try new challenges.

#### Year 1

- I am confident to perform in front of others.
- I can link simple actions together to create a sequence.
- I can make my body tense, relaxed, stretched and curled.
- I can recognise changes in my body when I do exercise.
- I can remember and repeat actions and shapes.
- I can say what I liked about someone else's performance.
- I can use apparatus safely and wait for my turn.

## Year 2

- I am beginning to provide feedback using key words.
- I am proud of my work and confident to perform in front of others.
- I can perform the basic gymnastic actions with some control and balance.
- I can plan and repeat simple sequences of actions.
- I can use directions and levels to make my work look interesting.
- I can use shapes when performing other skills.
- I can work safely with others and apparatus.

## **Progression of Skills Ladder**

## Shapes

Explore using shapes in different gymnastic balances.

## **Balances**

Remember, repeat and link combinations of gymnastic balances.

## Year

2

#### Rolls

Explore barrel, straight and forward roll and put into sequence work.

## Jumps

Explore shape jumps and take off combinations.

## Shapes

Explore basic and still shapes straight, tuck, straddle, pike.

### **Balances**

Perform balances making their body tense, stretched and curled.

## Year

1

## Rolls

Explore barrel, straight and forward roll progressions.

## Jumps

Explore shape jumps including jumping off low apparatus.

## **Shapes**

Show contrast with their bodies including wide/narrow, straight/curved.

#### **Balances**

Explore shapes in stillness using different parts of their bodies.

## **EYFS**

#### Rolls

Explore rocking and rolling.

#### Jumps

Explore jumping safely.