Athletics skills progression

| Year | Element | Skills and progression |
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| group Year 1 | Throw (2 weeks) Under arm throwing Jump (2 weeks) Variety of jumping & effects | By the end of Year 1, children will be able to; Use the basic underarm technique to throw the ball. Work with a partner to develop the accuracy of their throws. Understand that more power creates more distance on a throw. Give reasons for becoming out of breath during exercise. Improve the control and accuracy of their underarm throwing action. Know how power affects the distance of a throw. By the end of Year 1, children will be able to; Know how to land safely and with control. Perform a variety of jumps with control. Talk about others technique and what they are doing. Work with a partner to develop the fluency and control of their jumps. Show control on landing when performing different types of jumps. |
| | Run (2 weeks) | Show control on landing when performing different types of jumps. Describe which jumps produce the greatest distance. Know that the leg muscles produce a jumping action. By the end of Year 1, children will be able to; |
| | Basic running | Know and be able to describe the basic running technique. |
| | technique | Use their knowledge to help improve others technique. |
| | | Recognise the changes that happen to their body and will describe how they feel when running. |
| | | Describe what the word pace and speed means. |
| | | Run with basic technique over various distances. |
| | | Jog or sprint with control when running in a straight line or when changing direction. |
| | | Slow down as they approach a 'turning point' to change direction and maintain control. |
| Year 2 | Throw (2 weeks) | By the end of Year 2, children will be able to; |
| | | Use two hands to send a ball to a target in a cooperative and competitive situation. |

| | Two handed | Throw accurately at high, low, near and far targets when practising. |
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| | height and | Know how to change a small part of their throw to achieve a greater distance. |
| | distance throws | Improve control, accuracy and fluency of their throwing actions. |
| | | Describe how fast their heart is beating and how fast they are breathing when still. |
| | Jump (2 weeks) | By the end of Year 2, children will be able to; |
| | Different take | Perform jumps using different take offs and landings with control and balance. |
| | offs / landings | Work with a partner to use their skills and set challenges to jump further. |
| | | Talk about which shapes gave them the best distance and why. |
| | | Use others ideas try and increase distance being jumped |
| | | Select and apply knowledge to choose which type of jump to cover the most distance. |
| | | Estimate and measure distance jumped |
| | Run (2 weeks) | By the end of Year 2, children will be able to; |
| | Change of speed | Run with improved technique and running action. |
| | / direction | Describe the word pace and give examples of different paces. |
| | | Show that they are able to travel using different speeds. |
| | | Use their knowledge to select the correct pace to run at. |
| | | Use their knowledge to discuss what speeds they would use for different distances. |
| | | Show changes in the speed and direction they can travel. |
| | | Be able to maintain a run over a variety of time lengths. |
| | Throw (2 weeks) | By the end of Year 3, children will be able to; |
| | Over arm and | Develop control and fluency when throwing a one handed over arm throw. |
| | push throw | Perform with increasing accuracy and confidence. |
| | | Describe how to improve their own and other's performances, linking specific actions to athletic |
| Year 3 | | events where appropriate. |
| | | To know why they need strength for throwing and identify other sports which require strength. |
| | | Develop technique for a push throw and increase the distance being thrown. |
| | | Know the correct technique and describe how it should be performed to aid others performances. |
| | | Identify the areas of the body being used and provide appropriate examples of how to warm up |
| | | these areas. |

| | Jump (2 weeks) | By the end of Year 3, children will be able to; |
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| | Jumping for | • Improve their jumping technique and know how this will make them jump further. |
| | height and | Know how to land safely when jumping. |
| | distance | Describe the difference between a one footed take off and a two footed take off. |
| | | Explain why heart and breathing rate increase during exercise. |
| | | Know and describe the correct technique for jumping upwards. |
| | | Be able to use the correct arm and leg action to improve the height of their jump. |
| | | Explain why their body temperature increases during exercise. |
| | Run (2 weeks) | By the end of Year 3, children will be able to; |
| | Running for | Demonstrate the correct technique for sprinting and describe how it is different to a jog. |
| | speed and | Identify how changes in technique can impact on performance. |
| | distance (relays) | Describe the effects that running at different paces will have on their heart rate. |
| | | Be able to run for sustained periods of time at a pace suitable for their fitness levels. |
| | | • Evaluate their overall performance and identify different events / sports that they could use this |
| | | type of running for. |
| | | Describe the term stamina and identify why it is important for long / middle distance runners. |
| | Throw (2 weeks) | By the end of Year 4, children will be able to; |
| | Over arm and | Know, explain and perform correct technique for a push throw. |
| | push throw | Measure and record performances. |
| | | Evaluate their own and others work, suggesting ways that it can be improved further. |
| | | Plan and deliver a simple warm up covering pulse raiser, stretching and mobilising activities. |
| \/ A | | Demonstrate a range of skills, techniques and apply them with control and success in competitive |
| Year 4 | | situations. |
| | | Know how to score different events accurately. |
| | | Know how they have improved throughout the unit and identify an area for further development. |
| | Jump (2 weeks) | By the end of Year 4, children will be able to; |
| | Jumping for | Know how to land safely when jumping and be able to apply it to their jumps. |
| | height and | Describe the effects that using the upper body has on the distance that they can jump. |
| | distance | Know that a long jump uses a one footed take off and a two footed landing. |

| | Run (2 weeks) Running for speed and distance (relays) | Watch other performances and suggest ways to improve technique. Jump with better technique and range of motion. Select the right arm and leg action for the jump. Know how flexibility can help in jumping. Understand ways that flexibility can be improved. By the end of Year 4, children will be able to; Demonstrate improved technique for sprinting Know and explain how a sprint start can be used. Find and use a starting position which they feel works for them. Suggest ways of improving performance through looking at and adjusting the technique used. Know what to include in their section of the warm up and be able to deliver it to small groups. Develop control and fluency for the change over. Understand the benefits of facing the way you are running for a change over. Suggest ways of improving their own and others technique through evaluating the techniques used. Gain a better understanding of how to warm up by delivering a new section. |
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| Year 5 | Throw (2 weeks) Shot putt | By the end of Year 5, children will be able to; Know and explain the correct technique for the shot putt. Evaluate their own and others performances and suggest ways technique can be developed further. Perform the shot putt action with increasing fluency, control and consistency. Plan and deliver a section of the warm up. |
| | Jump (2 weeks) Long jump | By the end of Year 5, children will be able to; Perform a basic long jump technique, describing the different phases of the jump. Know how to measure a run -up. Identify when and why others techniques falter and suggest ways they can improve it. Know why a warm up prepares the body and mind for physical activity. |
| | Run (2 weeks) Sprint and long distance | By the end of Year 5, children will be able to; Describe the technique used to perform a three point start and apply it with consistency and control. |

| | | Use the 3 phrases of the sprint start to correct and refine the technique of others, giving specific and constructive feedback. Know why reaction time is important. Plan and deliver a warm up with the focus on agility. Increase their understanding of what a running pace is and be able to select their appropriate pace to cover a set distance. Suggest ways they and others can improve technique. Know why speed and stamina are important in sport. |
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| | Throw (2 weeks) Javelin Jump (2 weeks) | By the end of Year 6, children will be able to; • Know and describe the correct technique for the javelin. • Will throw with varying degrees of success. • Become more confident and secure in delivering different sections of the warm up. • Measure and record accurately distances thrown. • Evaluate their own and others performances / technique and suggest how it can be improved. • Know and define the terms speed and strength and explain why they are important in sport. By the end of Year 6, children will be able to; |
| Year 6 | Triple Jump | Know, understand and use the correct technique for the triple jump. Improve the distance they are able to jump through well timed and paced movements. Listen and accept advice given to them from other children. Make and suggest changes to improve their performance. Plan and deliver an effective warm up. |
| | Run (2 weeks) Sprint and relay | By the end of Year 6, children will be able to; Explain and use the 3 phases of running to build up speed quickly into a sprint. Describe the relay change over technique. Work together effectively to complete a full relay in a competitive situation. Know when technique is being performed correctly and make amendments when it isn't. Describe and explain the changes that take place to the body during exercise. Plan and deliver a new section of the warm up. |