EYFS Progression of skills and assessment checkpoints - **Physical Development**

Fine motor skills – linked to writing

Gross Motor skills – linked to P.E

Fine Motor skills

Birth-Three	Three- Four Years	Reception				Writing- ELG .		
Enjoy drawing	. Use some of their j	print and letter	. Form lower-case and capital letters correctly.				. Write recognisable	
freely.	knowledge in their	early writing.	WRITE. Rec				letters, most of which are	
. Add some marks to	For example: writin	g a pretend	. Spell words by ic	dent	tifying the sounds and	then	correctly formed.	
their drawings,	shopping list that st	arts at the top	writing the sound	with	h letter/s. WRITE. Rec		WRITE.ELG	
which they give	of the page; write 'r	n' for mummy.	. Re-read what the	ey ha	ave written to check th	at it	• Spell words by	
meaning to. For	WRITE.3-4		makes sense. Rec	2			identifying sounds in them	
example: "That says	• Write some or all o	of their name.	. Write short sente	ence	es with words with kno	wn	and representing the	
mummy."	WRITE.3-4		letter-sound corre	spo	ondences using a capit	al	sounds with a letter or	
Make marks on their	. Write some letters	accurately.	letter and full stop). W	RITE. Rec		letters. WRITE.ELG	
picture to stand for	WRITE.3-4	-	HANDWRITING	Dev	velop their small motor		• Write simple phrases and	
their name.	HANDWRITING		skills so that they	can	use a range of tools		sentences that can be read	
HANDWRITING	.Use a comfortable	grip with good	competently, safe	ly a	nd confidently. Sugges	sted	by others. WRITE.ELG	
Develop		control when holding pens and			ving and writing. PD.Fl	MS.	-	
manipulation and		pencils. PD FMS.3-4			Develop the foundations of a handwriting style			
control. PD.FMS.B-3	.Show a preference	for a	which is fast, accu	rate	in preparation for fluent			
. Explore different	dominant hand. PD	dominant hand. PD FMS.3-4			writing- using the tripod			
materials and tools.							grip in almost all cases.	
PD.FMS.B-							FMS. ELG	
STAGE 1-	Use a prone position	Slide forwards	and backwards on	L	Remember to push	Sit u	p at tall at the table with my	
Core strength	laying on the floor,	my chair, as I l	begin to sit on it. I n		my chair under the	feet on the floor. 90-90-90 position		
and posture	as I begin to prop up	may prop mys	self up with my arms	-			90-degree angle at the	
	my body for writing.		÷ 2			ankles, at the knees and at the		
	I am developing		shing my chair in straight as I write. elbows.				ows.	
	some core stability.	and modelling	and reminding me	•	Some prompting.			
	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	how to sit.	~					
STAGE 1-	Pivot my shoulder usi	ng Pivot my	velbow for large-	Piv	vot my wrist for smalle	r Is	solate and move different	
Fine motor –	upper body strength,	5	•		ale movements to gras			
wrist – arm and					and grip small-scale		numbers, use identified fingers	
finger strength	lifting	down.	•		51		to pinch, press, and use a	
dexterity.	5							
		I		l.				

				Elbow ta						_		etc. Strength in	
						shoulder.				· · · ·	fingertips.		
STAGE 1-	Hold the pend	ril De	evelop	a pincer Sometimes hold		Consistently use Hold a		Hold a j	pencil	Correctly hold a			
Holding a pencil	in a palmar or	gr:	ip. I ma	ay still	a per	ncil	a dominan	t	with a t	ripod	ipod pencil and use it w		
	digital grip.	be	deter	mining	corre	ectly with	hand.		pincer	grip.	goo	od control and	
Hand dominance	Swapping and	d wł	uich ha	nd to	supp	ort.					pre	essure.	
	testing hands.	. us	e.								Hol	d/ move the paper	
												h one hand and	
											wri	te with the other.	
Writing symbols.	I can record	I can re		I can rec		l can record	I can recor	d Ica	in record	I can	record	I can record a	
8 figures of	a straight	a horizo		a circle.		a vertical	a square.		gonal	a cro		triangle.	
Visual Motor	vertical	straigh		(3 years)		cross.	(4 years)		es to the	using	•	(5 years 3	
Integration)(VMI)	line.	line. (2	1/2	\frown		(3 ½ - 4			and	diago		months)	
	(2 years)	years)		\bigcirc		years) +		rigl	ht. (4 ½	lines	•	\wedge	
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STAGE 2-	make an atten	npt at		rm some letters in form most						for Form the letters for my full name correctly.			
2) NAME-	my name.		my n	ame.		my name.		correc			iuli nan	ne correctly.	
								correc	uy.				
3) LETTER	Correctly form	n <u>some</u>	letters	from	Corre	ectly forming	most letter	s from	Correct	tly form	ing <u>all</u> o	of the 26 letters	
FORMATION-	Phase 2 and n	ame.			the 2	6 in the alpha	abet.		from the alphabet.				
4) SIZING-	Begin to redu	ce the si	ze of n	ny	Reco	rd letters wit	h some		Record	small,	neat and	l consistently sized	
	letters.				consi	stency of size	ize and neatness. letters						
5)	Begin to sit so	me lette	rs on	Sit mo	st lette	ers onto the	Sit all th	e letter	s on C	Drientat	e all lett	ters as tall, middle	
ORIENTATION-	the line.			line.			the line.		C	or laz <mark>y</mark> l	r lazy letters.		
<u>STAGE 3</u>	Begin to make some			Join to le	tters v	vithout	Second joi	n- To le	etters	Third	l join- Ho	orizontal joins; od	
6) JOINS -	simple letter joins e.g.			ascenders, e.g. un um ig		with ascenders; ch sh th tl			pg re ve oon oom				
	digraphs from	n Phase (3,	id ed eg	an or i	ing ung	ll ill sli slu ck ack st sti ink						
	e.g. oo or ee.						unk						
Gross Motor	skills												
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Birth-Three	Three- Four Years	Reception	Gross Motor
Lift their head while lying on their front.PD.B-3	. Continue to develop their	. Revise and refine the fundamental	skills- ELG .
• Push their chest up with straight arms. PD.B-3	movement, balancing, riding	movement skills they have already acquired:	Negotiate
• Roll over: from front to back, then back to front.	(scooters, trikes and bikes) and	- rolling- crawling - walking - jumping -	space and
PD.B-3	ball skills. PD.3-4	running - hopping - skipping – climbing.	obstacles
• Enjoy moving when outdoors and inside. PD.B-3	• Go up steps and stairs, or climb	PD.REC	safely, with
. Sit without support. PD.B-3	up apparatus, using alternate feet.	. Progress towards a more fluent style of	consideration
. Begin to crawl in different ways and directions.	PD.3-4	moving, with developing control and grace.	for
PD.B-3	• Skip, hop, stand on one leg and	PD.REC. (balance, stillness, climb higher, fun	themselves
. Pull themselves upright and bouncing in	hold a pose for a game like	further)	and others.
preparation for walking. PD.B-3.	musical statues. PD.3-4	. Develop the overall body strength, co-	GMS. ELG
. Gradually gain control of their whole body	• Use large-muscle movements to	ordination, balance and agility needed to	•
through continual practice of large movements,	wave flags and streamers, paint	engage successfully with future physical	Demonstrate
such as waving, kicking, rolling, crawling and	and make marks.	education sessions and other physical	strength,
walking. PD.B-3	. Start taking part in some group	disciplines including dance, gymnastics,	balance and
. Clap and stamp to music. PD.B-3	activities which they make up for	sport and swimming. PD.REC. (slide, bounce,	coordination
Fit themselves into spaces, like tunnels, dens and	themselves, or in teams. PD.3-4	rock, spin, tilt, fall, wheeled toys and bikes)	when
large boxes, and move around in them. PD.B-3	DANCE Are increasingly able to	. Use their core muscle strength to achieve a	playing.
 Enjoy starting to kick, throw and catch balls. 	use and remember sequences and	good posture when sitting at a table or sitting	GMS. ELG
PD.B-3	patterns of movements which are	on the floor. PD.REC	• Move
• Build independency with a range of appropriate	related to music and rhythm. PD.3-	. Combine different movements with ease and	energetically,
resources.	4	fluency. PD.REC (obstacle courses- change	such as
. Begin to walk independently- choosing	. Match their developing physical	speed/ direction)	running,
appropriate props to support at first. PD.B-3	skills to tasks and activities in the	. Confidently and safely use a range of large	jumping,
. Walk, run, jump and climb- and start to use the	setting. For example, they decide	and small apparatus indoors and outside,	dancing,
stairs independently. PD.B-3	whether to crawl, walk or run	alone and in a group. PD.REC	hopping,
. Spin, roll and independently use ropes and	across a plank, depending on its	. Develop overall body-strength, balance, co-	skipping and
swings (for example, tyre swings). PD.B-3.#	length and width. PD.3-4	ordination, and agility. PD.REC	climbing.
Sit on a push-along wheeled toy, use a scooter or	. Choose the right resources to	<u>GAMES</u> . Further develop and refine a range	GMS. ELG
ride a tricycle. PD.B-3	carry out their own plan. For	of ball skills, including throwing, catching,	
	example, choosing a spade to	kicking, passing, batting, and aiming. PD.REC	
	enlarge a small hole they dug with	<u>GAMES</u> • Develop confidence, competence,	
	a trowel. PD.3-4	precision and accuracy when engaging in	
	Collaborate with others to	activities that involve a ball. PD.REC	
	manage large items, such as		
	moving a long plank safely,		
	carrying large hollow blocks.		
	PD.3-4		

Running.	Jog with knees	Jog in a	Run/sprint in	Run in a	Run/Sprint in a	Travel at differin	ng speeds on
Jogging and	up on the spot.	straight line	a given	straight line.	straight line and	command or nee	ed. Select the
skip		and change	direction for		change	appropriate speed, pace and	
		direction.	different	Skip with	direction.	distance for	running.
		Hold good	purposes	alternate feet.	Shuttle Run.		
		posture and	E.g., chasing				
		balance.	or retrieval.				
			(Not straight				
			line)				
Throwing	Explore	Throw large	Throw large	Throw smaller	Throw small	Increase the distan	-
	throwing	balls and	balls to a	balls and bean	balls to a	to a person	-
	different	beanbags	partner with a	bags overarm.	partner with a	Increase the spee	
	objects and	overarm.	short distance		short distance	travels when thro	-
	items. Light		and to large		and to smaller	Travel/ move and	throw the ball.
	items fall		targets.		targets e.g. a		
	more slowly				bucket or net.		
	e.g scarves,						
	bubbles,						
	beach balls.						
Catching	Explore	Catch a large	Catch a large	Catch larger	Catch smaller	Drop catch	Increase the
	throwing	soft ball in	soft ball in the	balls when	balls, beanbags	smaller balls	distance for
	different	two hands.	palms of	throwing and	and equipment	after bouncing on	catching and
	objects and	Cradle ball	hands and	catching with a	in two hands.	the floor.	speed ball is
	items. Light	into chest.	fingers	partner from	Cradle to the	Catch with one	travelling.
	items fall	Individual.	Cradle into	short	chest.	hand.	Increase
	more slowly		chest.	distances.			accuracy.
	e.g scarves,		Individual.	Pair/ Group			
	bubbles,			work			
	beach balls -						
	Use these first.						

Rolling	Roll balls and	Roll large	Roll large balls	s to a friend	Ind	crease the	Ro	ll small balls to a	Increase the
	equipment	balls and	/ cones/ skittle			rolling		.d / cones/ skittles	rolling
	over and	equipment	floor - short	-	dist	3		ig the floor - short	distance to the
	around body	e.g. tyres to				target.	distance.		target.
	without	large targets.				<u>j</u>			J
	dropping.	5 5							
Bat and	Hold a bat or	Travel with	Swing a bat o	or racquet	Us	e a bat or	Use	a bat or racquet to	Use a bat or
striking	racquet	an object	correctly an	-	race	quet to hit a		a <u>small ball</u> on a	racquet to hit
	correctly.	balanced on a	2	2	larc	<u>e</u> target on		stand.	a slow,
	-	bat- one				a stand.			moving ball.
		handed.							-
Balance	Balance	Bounce a	Bounce a	Bounce a la	arge	Bounce a s	mall	Bounce a large	Bounce a
Bounce	equipment on	large ball off	small ball off	ball off th	-	ball off the	floor	ball against a	small ball
	body parts	the floor and	the floor and	floor and c	atch	and catch	with	wall and catch/	against a wall
	e.g. palm of	catch with	catch with	with one ha	and.	one han	d.	with a partner.	and catch/
	hand, back,	two hands.	two hands.	Egg on a sp	oon	Egg on a sj	poon	Bounce in the	with a partner.
	shoulder, bent	Balance an	Balance an	- one hand	ed.	- one hanc	led.	middle.	Bounce in the
	elbow.	egg on a	egg on a	Short dista	nce.	Longe	r	Egg on a spoon -	middle.
		spoon - Static-	spoon - Two			distance	e.	one handed.	
		2 hands.	hands.					Increase speed	
Kicking	Use foot to tap	Explore	Determine	Kick a ball	to a	Ball betwo	een	Kick a ball to a	Start
	a large static	kicking a	which foot I	large		two feet a	and	smaller/narrower	exploring how
	ball.	static ball	will use for	target/spa	ace	squeeze k	oall.	target/space	to dribble a
		with both	kicking,	goal.		Knees toge		goal.	ball between
		feet.				Move with			wide
						foot forward			obstacles/
						then the ot	her.		markers.
Skipping with	Jump on the	Jump over a		y jump over a		Turn th	-	Turn the skipping	Confidently
a rope	balls of your	stationary line	-	e with both my		skipping r	-	rope overhead	skip forwards
	feet onto	on the floor.	feet to	gether.		overhead		and <u>jump over</u>	with the rope,
	targets.	Jump with				<u>step over</u>	the	the rope.	extending to
		one foot and		kipping rope		rope.			backwards
		then the	corr	rectly					when ready.
		other.							

Jumping and	Bend knees.	Jump on the	Jump with ty	wo Jumping	Jump from two	Hop on	e foot to	Combine a
landing	Bob up and down and keep my balance on the spot.	spot with two feet together and land safely.	5	two feet, increasing s. control over	feet to one foot keeping my balance. Hopscotch	the opposite foot and then to the same foot, landing safely.		sequence of 2- 3 jumps with fluency and control in taking off and landing.
<mark>Dancing</mark> - Movement	I can move t music.	I can copy basic actions.		I can learn short routines, beginning to match pace.	I can learn g routines, beg match pa	inning to actio		it a sequence of ons together.
<mark>Dancing</mark> - Interpretation	······		ratch dances rformances.	I can say what I like and dislike about dances/ performances.	abouta dance orindependently/performance.a simple data		gin to improvise idently to create mple dance.	

Gymnastics	Explore	Explore sliding,	Safely walk,	Explore	Safely and confidently walk,	PHYS. DEV.
– Travelling	sliding,	crawling and	crawl, slide climb	travelling at	crawl, slide, climb up and	<u>GMS – ELG</u>
at different	crawling,	crawling along	up and jump over	different levels	jump over gymnastic	Negotiate space
levels	walking,	low gymnastic	gymnastic	by moving in	equipment such as beams	and obstacles
	running,	equipment	equipment such	high and low	and higher equipment and	safely, with
	jumping and	such as	as horses and	shapes across a	frames.	consideration
	skipping on the	benches.	benches.	range of basic		for themselves
	floor.			gymnastic		and others.
				equipment.		

Gymnastics	Keep still and	Balance on	Explore the 5	Hold simple	Explore	Develop	- Demonstrate
- Balancing	hold a frozen	large patches/	basic balancing	balances with 2	balance on	balance by	strength,
	shape whilst	body parts	shapes: straight,	feet and one	front and back	showing	balance and
	standing with	such as the	tucked, star,	hand or two	so that	good tension	coordination
	two feet on the	bottom, back,	straddle and pike.	hands one foot	extended	in the core	when working
	floor.	side and front.		– tripod.	arms and legs	and tension	on the floor and
					are held off	and	gymnastic
					the floor (arch	extension in	equipment.
					and dish	the arms and	- Move
					shapes	legs, hands	energetically,
					respectively).	and feet.	such as running,
							jumping,
							dancing,
							hopping,
							skipping and
							climbing