

Knowledge Organiser: Gymnastics Y6



Links to the PE National Curriculum

- 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.
- Pupils should be taught to develop flexibility, strength, technique, control and balance [for example, through athletics and gymnastics].

Key Skills: Physical

- Straddle roll
- Forward roll
- Backward roll
- Counter balance
- Counter tension
- Bridge
- Shoulder stand
- Handstand
- Cartwheel
- Headstand
- Vault

Key Skills: S.E.T

- Social: Responsibility
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- Social: Collaboration
- Social: Communication
- Social: Respect
- Emotional: Confidence
- Thinking: Observing and providing feedback
- Thinking: Selecting and applying actions
- Thinking: Evaluating and improving sequences



Ways to improve a sequence

- **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.
- **Pathway:** Change the path that is used e.g. straight, L shaped, diagonal etc.
- **Timing:** Use canon and synchronisation in the performance.

Key Vocabulary:

- momentum • counter balance • aesthetics
- formation • synchronisation • stability
- inverted • progression • counter tension

Teacher Glossary

Counter balance: A balance where a person uses another person's weight to stay balanced by pushing against them.

Counter tension: A balance where a person uses another person's weight to stay balanced by pulling away from them.

Pathway: Designs traced in space (on the floor or in the air).

Inverted movement: An action where the hips go above the head such as a shoulder stand, bridge and cartwheel.

Canon: When performers complete the same physical action one after the other.

Synchronisation: When performers complete the same physical action at the same time.

Formation: Where you are in the space in relation to others.