

EYFS Development Matters 2020 Statements and ELGs 'Physical Development'

Birth to Three:

Lift their head while lying on their front.
Push their chest up with straight arms.
Roll over: from front to back, then back to front. Sit without support.
Enjoy moving when outdoors and inside.
Begin to crawl in different ways and directions.
Pull themselves upright and bouncing in preparation for walking.
Pass things from one hand to the other. Let go of things and hand them to another person, or drop them.
Gradually gain control of their whole body through continual practice of large movements
Clap and stamp to music.
Fit themselves into spaces, like tunnels, dens and large boxes, and move around in them.
Enjoy starting to kick, throw and catch balls.
Build independently with a range of appropriate resources.
Begin to walk independently – choosing appropriate props to support at first.
Walk, run, jump and climb – and start to use the stairs independently.
Spin, roll and independently use ropes and swings
Sit on a push-along wheeled toy, use a scooter or ride a tricycle.
Use large and small motor skills to do things independently,
Show an increasing desire to be independent.
Develop manipulation and control.
Explore different materials and tools.

Three and Four-Year-Olds:

Continue to develop their movement, balancing, riding (scooters, trikes and bikes) and ball skills.
Go up steps and stairs, or climb up apparatus using alternate feet.
Skip, hop, stand on one leg and hold a pose
Use large-muscle movements to wave flags and streamers, paint and make marks.
Start taking part in some group activities which they make up for themselves, or in teams.
Increasingly able to use and remember sequences and patterns of movements which are related to music and rhythm.
Match their developing physical skills to tasks and activities in the setting. Choose the right resources to carry out their own plan.
Collaborate with others to manage large items, such as moving a long plank safely, carrying large hollow blocks.
Use one-handed tools and equipment, for example, making snips in paper with scissors.
Use a comfortable grip with good control when holding pens and pencils.
Show a preference for a dominant hand.
Be increasingly independent as they get dressed and undressed, for example, putting coats on and doing up zips.

Children in Reception:

Revise and refine the fundamental movement skills they have already acquired.
Progress towards a more fluent style of moving, with developing control and grace.
Develop the overall body strength, co-ordination, balance and agility needed to engage successfully with future physical education sessions
Develop their small motor skills so that they can use a range of tools competently, safely and confidently.
Use their core muscle strength to achieve a good posture when sitting at a table or sitting on the floor.
Combine different movements with ease and fluency.
Confidently and safely use a range of large and small apparatus indoors and outside, alone and in a group.
Develop overall body-strength, balance, co-ordination and agility.
Further develop and refine a range of ball skills.
Develop confidence, competence, precision and accuracy when engaging in activities that involve a ball.
Develop the foundations of a handwriting style which is fast, accurate and efficient.
Further develop the skills they need to manage the school day successfully.

Early Learning Goals:

Gross Motor Skills

Negotiate space and obstacles safely, with consideration for themselves and others.
Demonstrate strength, balance and coordination when playing.
Move energetically, such as running, jumping, dancing, hopping, skipping and climbing.

Fine Motor Skills

Hold a pencil effectively in preparation for fluent writing – using the tripod grip in almost all cases.
Use a range of small tools, including scissors, paintbrushes and cutlery.
Begin to show accuracy and care when drawing.

