



Geb Seb 4
Education

Knowledge Organiser Ball Skills Year 3 and Year 4

About this Unit

Ball skills build hand-eye co-ordination, spatial awareness and balance. You can control a ball using lots of different parts of your body. You may have seen a football player kick and dribble with their feet, or even use their head to header the ball, their hands to save a goal or throw the ball in from a sideline. The ball skills in this unit will help you in lots of activities and sports.



Examples of games that use ball skills:

Do you know which of these sports uses each of these movement skills?

Target Games	Invasion Games	Striking & Fielding Games	Net & Wall Games
Boules Boccia New Age Kurling Dodgeball	Netball Football Tag Rugby Handball Basketball	Rounders Cricket Baseball	Tennis Volleyball Badminton

Key Vocabulary

accurate: successful in reaching the intended target
block: to prevent a movement or pathway of an object
collect: to pick up
control: being able to perform a skill with good technique
decision: select an outcome
momentum: the direction created by weight and power
opponent: someone not on your team
personal best: a target outcome of an individual
possession: when a team has the ball they are in possession
power: speed and strength combined
pressure: to add challenge
react: to respond to quickly
receive: to collect or stop a ball that is sent to you
select: choose
technique: the action used correctly
track: to move your body to get in line with a ball that is coming towards you



Ladder Knowledge



Sending:

Year 3: pointing your hand/foot/stick to your target as you release will help you to send a ball accurately.
Year 4: you can use a variety of ways to send the ball and it may depend on the situation e.g. distance, speed, if there is a defender.

Catching:

Year 3: moving your feet to the ball will make you more successful at catching.
Year 4: adjust your hands to the height of the ball. Little fingers together for a close catch, thumbs together for a high catch.

Tracking:

Year 3: use a ready position to help you to react to the ball.
Year 4: tracking a ball is an important skill used in games activities such as rounders, football and tennis.

Dribbling:

Year 3: dribbling is an attacking skill used in games which helps us to move towards a goal or away from defenders.
Year 4: dribbling with soft hands/touches will help you to keep control.

Movement Skills

- track
- throw
- catch
- dribble
- kick

This unit will also help you to develop other important skills.

Social

communication, work safely, collaboration

Emotional

perseverance, personal challenge, calmness, fairness

Thinking

provide feedback, tactics, comprehension, reflection, make decisions

Strategy

Whether you are using your hands or feet, lots of teaching points that help you to use a ball are the same. For example when dribbling a ball with your hands, feet or even bouncing it on a racket, using soft touches will help you to control it.

See if you can think of any other teaching points that are the same even when using different body parts.

Healthy Participation



Make sure unused balls are stored in a safe place to stop them rolling.

Make sure you work in a safe space and show an awareness of others as you send a ball.

Home Learning



Find more games that develop these skills in the Home Learning Active Families tab on www.getset4education.co.uk

Kerby

What you need: 1 ball, two kerbs that are approx. 4m apart, 1 or more players

How to play:

- Players stand opposite each other on the pavement.
- Players take turns to throw to hit the opposite kerb.
- If successful the player can take a jump towards the opposite kerb and throw again.
- If unsuccessful the other player gets a turn.
- When throwing, if the ball bounces back and hits your own kerb or if it bounces back and you catch it, you take two jumps towards the opposite kerb.
- First player to reach the opposite kerb wins.

Play with more people by playing in teams.

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If you enjoy this unit why not see if there is a ball game e.g. a basketball club in your local area.

How will this unit help your body?
 agility, balance, co-ordination, speed

Head to our youtube channel to watch the skills videos for this unit.



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