Nursery Essential Knowledge

Physical Development: Fine Motor

Refine fine motor skills:

- controlled small movements of hands
 - > peg boards
 - playdough
 - > threading large objects
 - > elastic band stretching
 - > using pegs to hold items
 - > using tweezers to move items
- how to position their fingers to comfortably hold
 - > jumbo pencil
 - > whiteboard pen
 - > larger paintbrushes
- how to hold and use scissors safely
 - > thumb on top, fingers below
 - hold and turn paper with free hand
 - > make snips
- use cutlery with support
 - hold a knife, fork and spoon comfortably
 - > use a fork and spoon with control

Physical Development: Gross Motor (and PE)

- gross motor movements are developed
 - > balancing on crates, planks and tyres
 - > riding scooters, trikes and bikes
 - > throwing, catching and kicking balls with some control
 - > skip, hop, standing on one leg, balancing and holding a pose
- choose the correct resources to carry out a plan
- use alternative feet to move:
 - > up steps and stairs
 - when climbing outdoors

Embed skills:

• sit on the floor with the correct posture with support

- back straight
- > legs crossed
- > arms folded
- manage the school day with support
 - > lining up
 - > washing hands thoroughly
 - > using the toilet