Reception Essential Knowledge

Physical Development: Fine Motor

- how to position their fingers to form a dynamic tripod grip
 - > thumb and index finger gripping pencil near the tip
 - > rest of fingers are tucked behind
 - > thumb and index finger move to control the pencil
- how to use the dynamic tripod grip to:
 - write pre-cursive letters and words (letter families)
 - > write own name
 - > write numbers
 - > copy the number date
- · how to use the dynamic tripod grip effectively with different tools
 - jumbo pencil
 - > whiteboard pen
 - > paintbrush

Refine skills:

- how to hold and use loop scissors
 - > thumb and index finger control scissors
 - > free hand holds and turns paper
- use cutlery
 - > strong hand controls knife
 - weaker hand controls fork
 - cutlery held using a dynamic tripod grip
 - movement is controlled by index finger

Physical Development: Gross Motor (and PE)

Refine skills:

- sit at a table with the correct posture:
 - chair tucked under the table
 - > feet flat on the floor
 - back straight
- sit on the floor with the correct posture
 - > back straight
 - > legs crossed
 - > arms folded
- manage the school day
 - > lining up
 - > washing hands thoroughly
 - > using the toilet independently
- use large and small apparatus confidently and safely
 - > crates, large blocks, wooden planks
 - > small construction items

get dressed and undressed with some support

- > taking non-laced shoes on and off independently
- > independent button fastening
- > zip fastening independently
- > changing for PE mostly independently
- how to manage clothing that is inside-out

Fundamental movements

• gross motor movements

- 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

move energetically when:

- > travelling
- > jumping
- > rolling
- combine moves with ease and fluency to create a short routine

• show balance, control and grace when:

- > forming and holding shapes with body
- > copying a partner
- > negotiating space and obstacles effectively

• refine ball skills:

- > throw and catch with increased accuracy
- > kick and pass effectively