Reception Essential Knowledge

Physical Development: Fine Motor

Handwriting

Use:

- dynamic tripod grip to hold a pencil
- correct formation for all uppercase and lowercase letters
- correct formation to combine multiple letters to write words
- correct formation to combine multiple words to write sentences

Use:

- spaces between words
- capital letters at the beginning of sentences
- full stops at the end of sentences

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
- 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

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

Refine all 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
- apply all of these skills:
 - in races
 - ➢ in games
 - > on sports day