



Skills

Athletics Progression Ladder



Knowledge

Running: demonstrate a clear understanding of pace and use it to develop their own and others sprinting technique.
Jumping: develop power, control and technique in the triple jump.
Throwing: develop power, control and technique when throwing discus and shot put.

Year 6

Running: understand that I need to prepare my body for running and know the muscle groups I will need to use.
Jumping: understand that a run up builds speed and power and enables me to jump further.
Throwing: understand that I need to prepare my body for throwing and know the muscle groups I will need to use.
Rules: understand and apply rules in events that pose an increased risk.

Running: apply fluency and co-ordination when running for speed in relay changeovers. Effectively apply speeds appropriate for the event.
Jumping: explore technique and rhythm in the triple jump.
Throwing: Develop technique and power in javelin and shot put.



Year 5

Running: understand that taking big consistent strides will help to create a rhythm that allows me to run faster. Understand that keeping a steady breath will help me when running longer distances.
Jumping: know that if I drive my knees high and fast I can build power and therefore distance in my jumps.
Throwing: know how to transfer my weight in different throws to increase the distance.
Rules: understand and apply rules in a variety of events using official equipment.

Running: develop an understanding of speed and pace in relation to distance. Develop power and speed in the sprinting technique.
Jumping: develop technique when jumping for distance.
Throwing: explore power and technique when throwing for distance in a pull and heave throw.

Year 4

Running: understand that I need to pace myself when running further or for a long period of time. Understand that a high knee drive, pumping my arms and running on the balls of my feet gives me power.
Jumping: understand that transferring weight will help me to jump further.
Throwing: understand that transferring weight will help me to throw further.
Rules: know and understand the rules to be able to manage our own events.

Running: develop the sprinting technique and apply it to relay events.
Jumping: develop technique when jumping for distance in a range of approaches and take off positions.
Throwing: explore the technique for a pull throw.

Year 3

Running: understand that leaning slightly forwards helps to increase speed. Leaning my body in the opposite direction to travel helps to slow down.
Jumping: know that if I jump and land in quick succession, the momentum will help me to jump further.
Throwing: understand that the speed of the movement helps to create power.
Rules: know the rules of the event and begin to apply them.

Running: develop the sprinting action.
Jumping: develop jumping, hopping and skipping actions. Explore safely jumping for distance and height.
Throwing: develop overarm throwing for distance.



Year 2

Running: know that running on the balls of my feet, taking big steps and having elbows bent will help me to run faster.
Jumping: know that swinging my arms forwards will help me to jump further.
Throwing: know that I can throw in a straight line by pointing my throwing hand at my target as I let go of the object.
Rules: know how to follow simple rules when working with others.

Running: explore running at different speeds.
Jumping: develop balance whilst jumping and landing. Explore hopping, jumping and leaping for distance.
Throwing: explore throwing for distance and accuracy.

Year 1

Running: understand that if I swing my arms it will help me to run faster.
Jumping: know that landing on the balls of my feet helps me to land with control. Understand that if I bend my knees it will help me to jump further.
Throwing: know that stepping forward with my opposite foot to hand will help me to throw further.
Rules: know that rules help us to play fairly.

Running: explore running and stopping safely.
Jumping: explore jumping and hopping safely.
Throwing: explore throwing to a target.



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Running: know that I use big steps to run and small steps to stop. Know that moving into space away from others helps to keep me safe.
Jumping: know that bending my knees will help me to land safely.
Throwing: understand that bigger targets are easier to hit.
Rules: know that rules help us to stay safe.

