ABC of MOVEMENT LEADING IN TO GYMNASTICS: Reception to Year 7

ABC of Movement: Agility Balance Coordination

Using apparatus should be an integral part of teaching and learning in ABC of gymnastics. The equipment can be introduced in stages to include small pieces such as ribbons, stepping stones, spots, stilts. The children should be taught to get the apparatus out safely and put it away safely. Music can be introduced from Reception particularly for warm ups but in upper KS2 the children might choose some music to perform their sequences to.

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		might be taught		think about	assessment
Reception	Travelling		to move forwards for a	use arms to help	Make different shapes
	Transferring weight from one place	backwards	purpose	balance	Jump and land in a controlled way
	to another, from one body part to	forwards			Travel in different
	another	sideways	to finish a move safely	stretch through leg	directions and in different
	shapes straight star ball pike straddle	through hoops			ways
		along benches	to coordinate sideways	give with knees when	Take weight on hands
	front support back support side	off benches	movement using arms	landing	Start and finish a
	support dish arch	on mats	and legs		movement
		over mats		head up when landing	
	run for purpose in a controlled way	spots	to feel a stretch in the		I can make different
		skipping ropes	back of our legs	pull with upper arms	shapes with my body
	jump and landing			when climbing	
		low/small apparatus:			I can link 3 shapes
	climb pulling [helps with fine motor	stepping stones		use feet/legs to grip	I can jump off the ground
	skills]	➢ box tops		when climbing	T can jump on the ground
		> small table tops			I can land safely bending
	pause and come to a stop	balance boards		pull through feet when	my knees and giving with
		> stilts		on toes	my ankles
	skip – side star shape	space hoppers			
	12-1			hands flat when spider	I can walk on my toes with
	tip toe walking	large apparatus		/crab walking	some control
	welling on book [nongwin welling]	> climbing frame		himaaham hau	1
	walking on heels [penguin walking]	> ropes		hips up when bunny	I can walk taking weight
	han lunga march	table topsA frames with		jumping	on my hands, keeping my hands flat on the floor
	hop, lunge, march	ladder			Harlas Hat off the Hoof
	taking weight on bandar spidar				I can put my weight
	taking weight on hands: spider	attachments			through my hands and
	walking, crab walking, bunny jumps				jump getting my hips up

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Reception	Stretching Curling in to Tuck	rocking on floor starting on bottoms	to develop core strength	head tucked in	Linking rocking tucking in to rolling
	rocking	on bottoms	Strength	curl back	in to rolling
		rocking forwards and	to feel a movement		I can rock forwards and
	rolling	backwards	through the arms to the finger tips	tuck tightly	backwards
	curling	rock and move in to		use arms to help with	I can rock forwards and
		tuck/curl position	to find ways of moving	tuck	backwards with control
	tucking		backwards and forwards		
		roll down slope – put			I can rock backwards
		mat on sloping surface/	to find ways of moving		and forwards and finish
		wedge	backwards and forwards with a change of speed		in a standing position
		tuck position to			I can start in a tucked
		standing	to find ways of making		position roll and finish in
			different shapes and		a tucked position
		tuck position rock back	know whether one		
		and up to standing	shape helps you move		I can stand, move to a
		again	faster than another		tuck, roll, finish in a
					standing position

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Reception	Taking Weight /Transferring Weight jumping on to hands – frog type movement jumping on to hands lifting hips over hands spider walking, crab walking on off over small apparatus on off over large apparatus travelling on to along and off	might be taught look at how animals move pictures/clips of animals	to find ways of taking our weight on our hands to work as a team and carry equipment safely transfer our weight from one body part to another	think about hands flat fingers stretched hands under shoulders weight transferred from feet on to hands and back on to feet head still	assessment Taking weight on hands Travelling taking weight on hands I can put my hands flat on the floor I can take my weight through my hands I can put my weight over my shoulders I can jump on to my flat hands I can jump on to my flat hands and lift my hips I can get on to apparatus safely
					I can get off apparatus safely
Reception	how to get apparatus out and put it away	apparatus groups with same children getting the equipment out and	to know how to set up apparatus safely	thumbs on top walking forwards	I can carry apparatus safely
		putting it away each week – continue for half a term	to know how to put apparatus away safely	6 [according to size of mat/bench] to a mat/bench	I can set apparatus out safely
		apparatus leaders		bend knees to pick up bend knees to lower	I can work as a member of a team when setting up equipment and
				apparatus	putting it awa

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Year 1	Travelling changing pace: fast, slow changing direction: forward, backward, sideways consolidation of receptions skills and learning how to apply them in different situations jumping with some control climbing up and down ropes make sure hand cross over rather than slide [watch rope burn] Link with English- directional words	backwards forwards sideways through hoops along benches off benches on mats over mats spots skipping ropes low/small apparatus: stepping stones	to make changes to the pace in a movement or sequence of movements to make changes to a step pattern in order to move in different directions to link together 3 moves changing the pace for effect to use a pulling action to climb	use arms to help balance push off giving with knees preparation for movement give with knees when landing absorbing 'jump'	Changing pace and direction and jumping with control, climb using pulling action I can link two or move movements together changing the speed of the moves I can jump from apparatus with control I can jump reaching upwards before landing from apparatus I can climb a rope [some of the way]and climb down safely I can reach to the top of the rope and climb down safely

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Year 1	Stretching, Curling, Tucking, Rolling	rolling on mats	to feel the difference	full extension of legs	Develop shapes
	different shapes - developing shapes		between stretch, curl	and arms	changing levels, moving
	in reception	use of apparatus	and tuck and be able to		in to forward roll, log
			talk about the	head tucked under	rolls showing arch and
	changing levels	rolling over benches	differences		dish
				forward roll from	
	moving from stretch in to curl	rolling off low box tops	to develop core	crouched/tucked	I can make a shape
	developing in to forward roll		strength being able to	position – knees should	when I jump
		jumping off low	twist and turn in	not be on floor	
	dish and arch	apparatus using shapes	sequential movement		I can make a clear shape
				lift hips so head tucks	when I jump
	log rolls			under	
					I can move from one
	arms feet not touching			pull in tummy when	shape to another
				stretching upwards	
	from curl in to stretch			G .	I can link a twist and
				tongue behind teeth,	turn
				focus on something	
	Link with English/maths – shape			ahead to help with	I can jump off apparatus
	words			balance	with control in a shape
	Taking weight	moving like animals	to take weight on	hands flat	
	taking weight on different parts of	taking weight on	different parts of the		Taking weight on large
	the body	different body parts to	body and feel a moment	pull with upper arms	and small parts of the
	[back, bottom, tummy, side, hands]	include tummy – snake	of control	ран на образования	body with increasing
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	move, pause, move	spots on floor for	to transfer weight from	shoulders when	
		children to see where	feet to hands	inverting	Transfer of weight from
	introduce handstand/inversion	hands and feet need to			one body part e.g hands
	[upside down]	be placed when starting	to explore transferring	upper arms strong when	to another e.g feet and
	[apside down]	inversion moves	weight from feet to	taking weight – avoid	back again [cartwheel]
	bunny jumps more hip height		hands and back to feet	collapse	Sack again [carewineer]
	Jamps more mp neight	bench for start of	again	Сопарас	
	 beginnings of cartwheel	cartwheel	uguiii		
	developing muscle memory	Cartwineer			
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Year 2	Introduction to flight Jumping and landing 5 basic jumps springboard jumps land with increased control link movements Link with science	spots on floor stepping stones jump off, over benches small mats use dice – each number represents different basic jump with 6 being child can choose or link 2 jumps together [children can develop the idea]	to gain height as leave the floor to land with control explore the shapes made when jumping in different ways	safe landings reaching as take off giving as land and use as preparation for next move if using springboards give children opportunity to jump up and down on them before jumping on and off	Complete the 5 basic jumps adding own interpretation, direction changes, levels. Land with increasing control and begin to think about the next move. I can jump in different ways I can jump and change direction I can jump and change levels I can jump and think about my next move I can link jumps and be creative in my sequence

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Year 2	Balance development of taking weight on different body parts Points: knees, toes, hips, hands Patches: back, tummy, shoulders	side balances bridges/arches comparison of points and patches – which is harder to control and why	to explore taking weight on small body parts to explore taking weight on larger body parts and make a comparison with earlier learning [points] to develop core strength	importance of core strength to stop wobbling extension through legs/arms to help with balance	Balancing on points and patches and being able to talk about the difference I can take my weight on different points and not wobble I can take my weight on different patches and not wobble I can transfer my weight from a point to a patch I can transfer my weight from a patch to a point I can talk about the differences between points and patches

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Year 2	Stretching curling, tucking forward roll to straddle teddy bear roll shoulder stand forwards backwards with control slowly/quickly leading in to forward rolls, backward rolls caterpillar moves- arching curling [street dance]	use wedges/slopes for children to roll down shoulder stand with feet supported by a wall/side of box spots on floor so children know where to place hands french chalk so children can see that they have their hands flat	to travel forward using a rolling action to take weight on our shoulders and feel a moment of stillness to change pace when rolling and to change direction	hands flat weight through shoulders extend legs when doing a shoulder stand pulling in core/tummy push through hands to get hips up on backward roll	Rolling forwards and backwards, backwards, backwards in to shoulder stand, forwards stopping in shoulder stand, when rotating as in teddy bear roll I can roll forwards I can roll forwards and come up to standing I can roll forwards and stop in a shoulder stand I can roll backwards I can roll backwards I can roll backwards and come up on to my feet I can rotate in a teddy bear roll

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Year 3	Travelling- Pathways under, over, round, through, on top, next to, beside, beneath, up link more complex movements collaborate with a partner repeat movements Link with English and positional words	link with a story explore using apparatus: the window frame lends itself well to travelling pathways take photos of equipment children add key words	use positional language when moving link movements together in a sequence to collaborate with a partner link complex movements explore positional language in relation to apparatus	safety taking weight on different body parts and importance of flat hands	Using positional language to explore apparatus Link movements in collaboration with a partner I can find different pathways using different ways of travelling I can link different ways of travelling with different pathways I can collaborate with a partner in a sequence of moves finding different pathways
	Stretching and curling Climbing ropes, wall bars, pulling stretching shapes, tension, core strength, suspension Hanging Pulling ropes, wall bars	use apparatus use two ropes and turn forwards and backwards	to use upper body strength to pull to develop core strength to feel tension in the body and to experience stretch	using hands when climbing - one over the other and same on return – hands may burn if slide down	Climb, hang and pull Roll in to and out of balance Experience moments off the ground I can climb up a rope and climb down a rope using a safe technique

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Year 3	Rolling development of forward and backward rolls and to front support forward in to balance	continue to make use of wedges/slopes for those children unable to roll	to roll in different directions with a moment of pause		I can roll and link with a balance
	Flight on to and off apparatus moment of time with no contact on the ground body shape in the air landing from a height working with a partner linking moves together move with fluency	Springboards or trampettes – refer to afPE Safe Practice in Physical Education and Sport for guidance Think about a silent landing – how can this be achieved?	to dismount from apparatus to dismount from apparatus using different shapes to dismount from apparatus and link the next movement to collaborate with a partner	continue to work on landings	I can leave the ground and land again with control I can work collaboratively linking fluent movements to include flight I can transfer my skills from the floor to apparatus
	Balance Movement skills developing ability to feel a balance on different body parts large parts small parts moment of stillness controlled movement static and dynamic balances	use large and small pieces of equipment including balance mazes, see saws	to explore dynamic balances to explore static balances to be able to talk about the differences between static and dynamic balances to move from a static balance in to a dynamic balance	continue to work on core strength	Balance, moment of stillness, transfer weight, dynamic and static stretches I can balance on different body parts and can move fluently from one to another I can link static and dynamic balances and demonstrate the differences

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Year 4	Travelling				
	turning as travel	spots on floor indicate turning or spinning	to change direction as move	footwork when changing direction	Turning and spinning on to, on and off apparatus
	spinning	turning as leave	to change direction	[transferable skill e.g high fives receive and	At different levels
	building up to 360 degree turns	apparatus – time in air can give children more	quickly whilst maintaining control of	send a ball]	I can spin with control and use spin to change
	revisit levels	opportunity to turn	the movement	focus point when spinning [to avoid being	direction
	onto, on along and off apparatus	mounting apparatus with a turn	45/90/180/270/360 degree turns	dizzy]	I can spin on different body parts
	making use of mats and floor: floor				
	is apparatus	linking movements to include spinning and	to move from one level to another with a		I can move on to and off apparatus using turns
	sequence of skills before on or on and off the other side	turning	change of direction		and spins
			to explore the use of the floor in conjunction with apparatus		I can turn/spin on apparatus showing control
	speed in run ups and hurdle steps [this may be for the children who are being challenged. considerable control is needed]	transferable skill e.g long jump	to attack a springboard and know the effect		I can turn/spin at different levels and link with another movement

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Year 4	Rotation Three main axes of rotation – vertical which runs from head to feet [log roll], horizontal which runs through the centre of the body [forward roll] front-to-back axis [cartwheel] forward roll off box start low cartwheels over benches make use of apparatus partner	rolling on mats forward back log rocking rolling with twist cartwheel over apparatus	to explore rotational actions to make adjustments when rotating on apparatus to get on to apparatus using a rotational movement to link 3 or more rotational movements	think about correct alignment body tension control What are all parts of the body doing?	Rotation with control adding a twist or other element I can rotate forwards I can rotate backwards I can link two rotations I can transfer learnt skills on to apparatus I can rotate and twist I can rotate wound the
	Balance To move in to and out of balance on and off apparatus move with control and precision link movements work with a partner leading in to tension planks and dishes	explore apparatus staring with small pieces – low table tops, benches, mats and moving on to large apparatus incline the benches	to find ways of moving in to and out of balance to link movements working with a partner on apparatus	continue to develop core strength tension through body – to finger tips	front to back axis Moving on to and off apparatus using control, precision and showing increased controlled tension I can move onto and off apparatus using balance I can work with a partner showing balances onto and off apparatus

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Year 5	Matching and Mirroring with a partner in a group select skills [flight, balance, rolling etc] and arrange in sequence on and off apparatus show accuracy change direction/speed/levels	the children should by now have a vocabulary of movement the following ideas allow the children to apply learnt skills children to choose their apparatus	to develop a sequence of moves with a partner/group to link together with a partner/group different skills using apparatus at the heart of the sequence to add dynamics to our sequences [link with dance]	What is the difference between matching and mirroring? What changes need to be made when working in a group?	Be able to show the difference between matching and mirroring applying learnt skills and making good choices about the apparatus to fit the purpose I can show the difference between matching and mirroring through a sequence of moves
	Holes and Barriers under over through round next to select and develop skills eg forward rolls, cartwheels. bridges sliding in and out link in movement sequence develop accuracy and consistency	the children should by now have a vocabulary of movement the following ideas allow the children to apply learnt skills	to find ways of going over and through working with a partner to choose and use apparatus to meet a challenge	How can a child make a 'hole' or 'barrier'? Which pieces of equipment lend them to being holes or barriers?	I can make suitable choices about apparatus to extend my work on matching and mirroring Making holes and barriers using learnt gymnastic skills and applying to apparatus I can create holes and barriers for a partner to move through or over I can transfer ideas on to apparatus creating holes and barriers

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Year 5	Symmetry and Asymmetry with a partner in a group select skills [flight, balance, rolling etc] and arrange in sequence on and off apparatus show accuracy change direction/speed/levels innovate Link with maths [numbers angles degrees], art	the children should by now have a vocabulary of movement the following ideas allow the children to apply learnt skills	to create a sequence of moves using mathematical language	What is a symmetrical shape? What is an asymmetrical shape?	Applying symmetry and asymmetry to learnt moves changing dynamics and levels I can show the difference between asymmetry and symmetry on and off apparatus I can show the difference between asymmetry and symmetry and symmetry and symmetry on and off apparatus with a partner or group

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Year 6	Travelling Counterbalance counter tension				
	large base	the children should by	to explore the	What is the difference	Counter balance and
with Year 7		now have a vocabulary	differences between	between counter	counter tension as
extension	small base	of movement	counter balance and	balance and counter	transferable skills,
			counter tension	tension?	developing core
	working with partner	the following ideas			strength, building trust
		allow the children to	to work with a partner	counter tension	in a partner/group
	working in group	apply learnt skills	creating a sequence of	small base wide top	
	L. orbital		moves which		I can counter balance
	tumbling		demonstrate the	counter balance	with a partner
	create mayoment convene		differences between counter balance and	wide base small top	I can work with a
	create movement sequence		counter tension		partner developing
	change in levels, direction, speed		counter tension		moves which
	change in levels, an ection, speed				demonstrate counter
	routine for an audience				tension
					I can build trust with a
	being part of an audience		to work with a group to	more than one person	partner and provide a
	being part of an addience	story boards	create a sequence of	making a base	sound base
	What makes a good	Story Bourus	moves demonstrating	making a base	Souria base
	judge/critic/coach? link with PSCHE	critique sheets	the differences between	how music can be used	I can work in a group to
	, auge, entre, couem min man con-		counter balance and	to add to the	meet an outcome
	developing social me	filming work and	counter tension	performance not just in	
	, ,	adding commentary		the background	I can make comment on
	taking on a role within the group		use music as a stimulus		a performance that
	e.g responsibility for the choice of		when creating a group	the importance of being	shows a sound
	music, choreography, costume,		work	respectful when	understanding of what I
	blurb			watching a person	have seen
			to identify a given role	perform and how one	
			and establish what it	reacts can impact on	I can take on a role
			might involve	the performer	within a group
					successfully

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Year 6 with Year 7 extension	Stretching and curling cannon and synchronisation forward rolls backward rolls cartwheels handstand forward rolls turning on ropes climbing ropes	the children should by now have a vocabulary of movement the following ideas allow the children to apply learnt skills link with skills learnt in matching and mirroring	to explore a sequence of movements using learnt skills reflecting cannon and synchronisation to collaborate with a group developing timing skills in relation to movement	What is meant by cannon? What is meant by synchronization?	Moving at the same time as a partner/group, moving sequentially, I can move at the same time as my partner/group I can move directly before or after my partner/group
	being part of an audience what makes a good judge/critic/coach? link with psche developing social me taking on a role within the group e.g responsibility for the choice of music, choreography, costume, blurb	story boards critique sheets filming work and adding commentary	to work with a group to create a sequence of moves demonstrating the differences between cannon and synchronisation use music as a stimulus when creating a group work to identify a given role and establish what it might involve	how music can be used to add to the performance not just in the background the importance of being respectful when watching a person perform and how one reacts can impact on the performer	I can work in a group to meet an outcome I can make comment on a performance that shows a sound understanding of what I have seen I can take on a role within a group successfully