Tennis Knowledge Organiser - Early Years



Learning: In Early Years, children will begin to develop the fundamentals of movement e.g. walking, running, jumping, hopping, skipping. They will begin to throw and catch a tennis ball and be introduced to balancing a ball on a racket.

Physical Me Key Skills

Balance Balance

Thinking Me- To learn new

skills

Agility Agility

Value Me:

Hopping Running

- Determination

Throwing Skipping

Try, try, try again!

Catching Walking

Social Me

Co-ordination (Hand-eye)

- Take it in turns

- Listening

Physical Development

Gross Motor Skills ELG

- Negotiate space and obstacles safely, with consideration for themselves and others
- Demonstrate strength, balance and coordination
- Move energetically, such as running, jumping, hopping and skipping.

Key Vocabulary

Throw

Catch

Trick

Side-Step

Target

Aim

Bounce

Balance

Hop

Key Knowledge

Catching - Spread your fingers as wide as possible

- Make a basket with your hands to catch a ball/object
- Watch the ball

Throwing - Look at your partner/target

- Step forward as you throw the ball
- Point your non-throwing hand to where you want the ball to go

Balancing the ball on a racket - Keep your wrist/s strong, to hold the racket

- Look where you are going
- Hold the racket like a frying pan, keep it flat