

PE Concept Curriculum for Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) User Guide

First of all, thank you!

Thank you for your interest in the PE Concept Curriculum. We are incredibly passionate about the impact conceptual learning can have on your students through your physical education lessons.

Time for Change

PE has an opportunity like never before to re-examine how we get every child off to the best possible start and lay the foundations for a physically active life. For far too long students (and others) have been put off physical activity because of sport-driven, technique focused and performance obsessed PE lessons. It's time to change! PE is in a unique position in that it can directly influence the health and well-being of an individual for the rest of their lives. We can deliver relevant and meaningful learning that will better prepare them for life and promote positive attitudes towards physical activity.



What is the Concept Curriculum?

A concept is a powerful idea that can replace a performance focused objective and therefore enable all to succeed in their own way. Students can develop intra and inter-personal skills, gain a better understanding of their body and minds as well as explore the world around them, all through conceptual learning and engaging physical activity. The sport and physical activity become the vehicle for which the concept is delivered and no longer the final destination. Delivered alongside engaging and meaningful physical activities, a concept curriculum can better enable an inclusive environment to ensure that PE also stands for Positive Experiences.

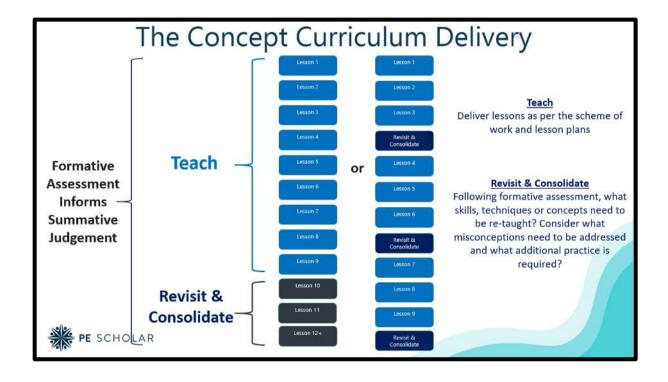
By introducing a conceptual learning objective, we are offering an inclusive hook to students that might previously have felt alienated by a less relevant or achievable lesson focused solely on acquiring or replicating a sporting skill or technique. PE is not just sport and sport is not just skills, techniques, rules and competition. It is important to note that conceptual learning does not replace the physical or competency development of a PE lesson. It is time we looked to harness the full power of sport and physical activity to deliver a more meaningful and positive learning experience.

We believe this Concept Curriculum can do just that.



Curriculum Design

The resources have been designed to support teachers to deliver immersive and engaging story-based practical activities, comprising 9 lessons. The teacher should be responsive to the needs and the progress of the children. If children are progressing well then, the teacher might decide to continue with the unit of work. If children require more time to practice and embed physical or conceptual aspects of their learning, then the teacher might take the decision to pause the unit of work and re-visit aspects of a previous lesson In order to consolidate and practice particular skills.



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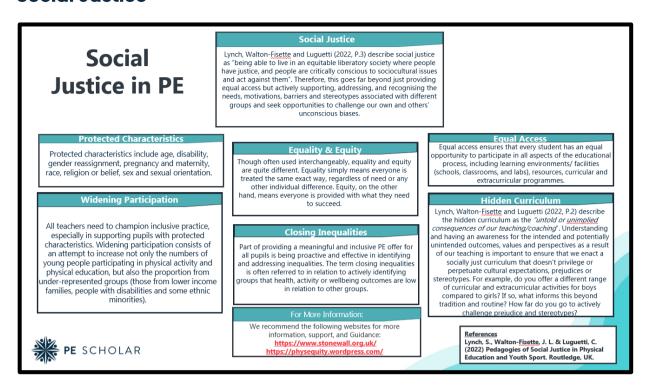
The EYFS concept curriculum contains the following:

- Curriculum Map
- 2 Immersive story-based units of work (each 9 lessons)
- 1 individual lesson story-based unit of work (9 Individual lessons)
- Over 27 individual lesson plans
- Over 100 different engaging story-based activities

We have provided an overview of each of these new elements in the remainder of this document.



Social Justice



We believe that every PE teacher should be working towards a more impactful, socially just, and inclusive PE experience. A key part of this is placing social justice at the centre of the educational experience. Instead of teaching a one-off unit of work that focuses on some of the key concepts, we instead believe that social justice should underpin every unit of work.



Characteristics of Effective Learning in Early Years

In the United Kingdom, the Characteristics of Effective Learning are used to give a better understanding and describe the behaviours children use to learn, and why children learn in the way they do in early years. It demonstrates their character and how this impacts their rate of development and learning. The characteristics of effective learning focus on three prime areas and four specific areas.

Prime areas

- Communication and language (CL)
- Physical development (PD)
- Personal social, and emotional development (PSED)

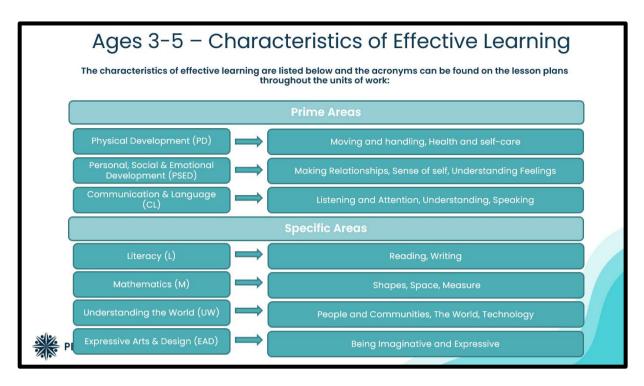
The prime areas are the vital foundations in early years and are the core aspects of early child development. It helps lay the basis for children's success in all other areas of learning.

Specific areas

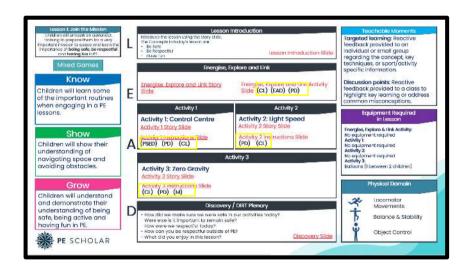
- Literacy (L)
- Maths (M)
- Expressive art and design (EAD)
- Understanding the world (UW)

The specific areas of learning and development help provide children with knowledge and skills to flourish in society. All four areas represent the important features of a child's early development.



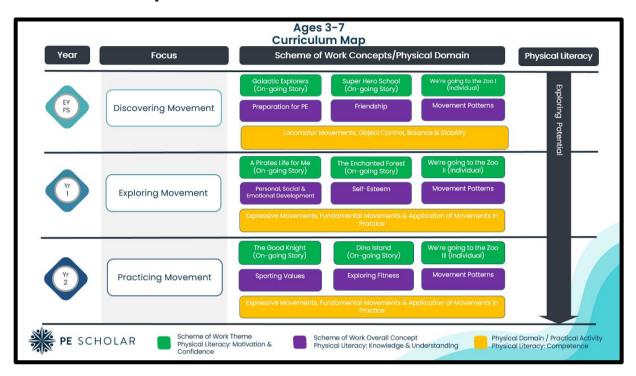


The letters in brackets next to each of the key and specific areas have been added to the Individual lesson plans (indicated in yellow below). This enables teachers to make clear cross-curricular connections between the PE lesson and the characteristics of effective learning in early years.

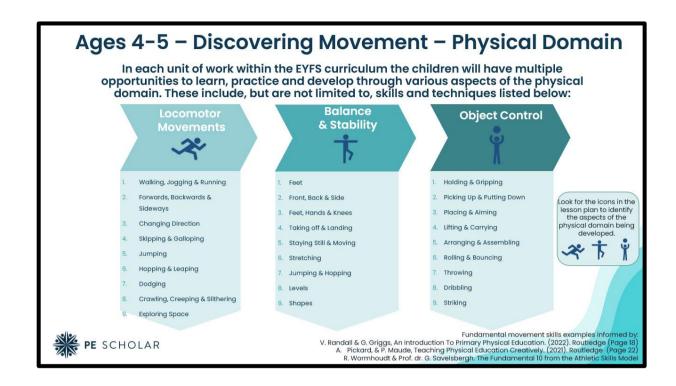




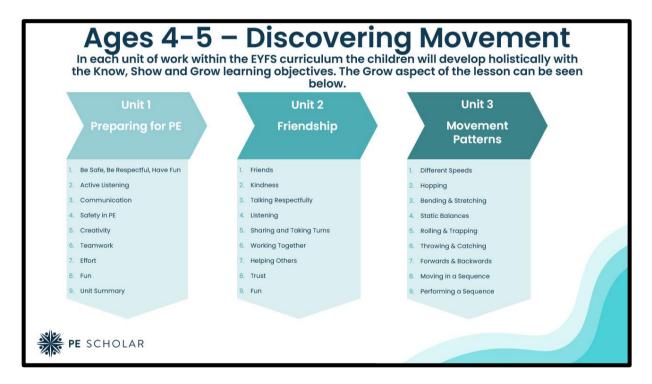
Curriculum Map



The curriculum map outlines every unit of work that is to be delivered over the course of the year. Each year group has a focus and the concepts for that year group relate to the respective focus. The curriculum map identifies the conceptual learning element (purple box) as well as the story the concept will be delivered through (green box). The main aim at EYFS is to develop fundamental movement skills and movement confidence (yellow box above and picture overleaf).



Scheme of Work



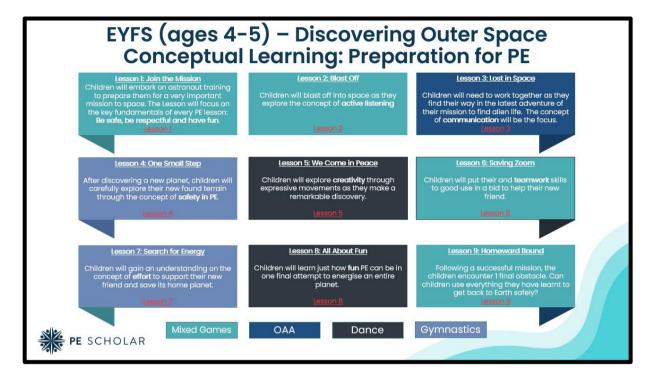
As can be seen on the above, the focus for EYFS is Discovering Movement.

The year is divided into 3 units focusing on individual concepts, and these units consist of 9 lessons that will deliver the learning related to these



concepts. Every unit is written through an Immersive story In which the practical activities link to aspects of the on-going story.

Unit Plans



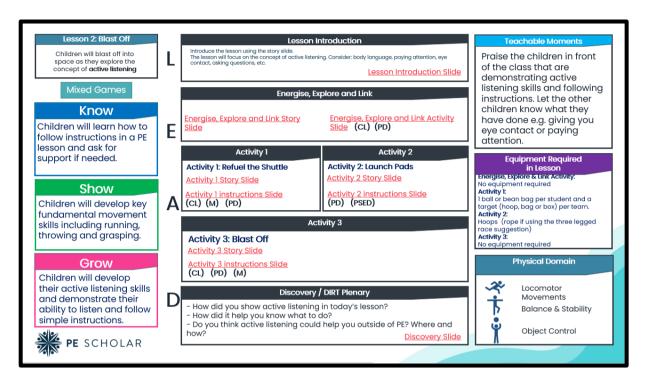
Each unit is broken down into 9 lessons. Unit 1 and 2 should be delivered in order to support the on-going story aspect of the lessons. Unit 3 has been designed to be delivered as Individual lessons to meet the sometimes reactive nature of PE around a school calendar. In each EYFS unit of work, the 9 lessons include:

- 4x mixed games lessons
- 2x Dance lessons
- 2x Gymnastics lessons
- 1x Outdoor Adventure Activities (OAA) lesson



In the unit overview, each lesson has a brief description and a hyperlink. By clicking on the hyperlink it will take you directly to the intended lesson.

Lesson Plans



Every lesson plan includes three lesson objectives (Know, Show and Grow). The Grow objective offers an inclusive hook by shifting the focus of the lesson from sport specific skills to that of more relevant learning (more on this later in the document). Every child should have the opportunity to build a positive connection to their PE lessons whilst meeting the objectives of the lesson. The lesson plan also includes:

- A brief lesson description
- The LEAD Framework
- Teachable Moments



- Adaptive Teaching Strategies
- Physical Domain Icon

Conveniently placed on the lesson plans are hyperlinks that will direct you to the story or activity slides for ease when delivering.

Lesson Objectives

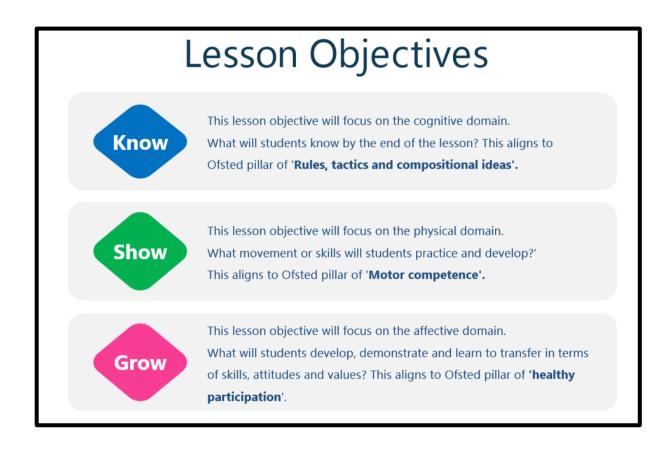
Firstly, the 'know' learning objective is designed to focus on the cognitive domain and declarative knowledge. This objective aims to develop young people's understanding of what safe and successful movement looks like, the rules, conventions, regulations, strategies and tactics for participation in different activities and what health and fitness mean in context. What would you like the students to know by the end of the lesson?

The 'show' learning objective focusses on the physical domain and procedural knowledge. Within this objective young people will develop fundamental movement and activity specific skills, such as knowing how to perform safe and effective movement, how to perform the rules, conventions, strategies and tactics in a sport and know how to participate in an activity. What would you like the students to show you by the end of the lesson?

The final learning objective, 'grow', focusses on the affective domain and conditional knowledge with a link to an overarching concept to develop young people holistically.



With the inclusion of this learning objective, the lesson is not purely focused on the performance of skills within an activity, but knowing why they are performed, when they are performed and what holistic characteristics can be applied and developed through the activity and beyond the PE classroom. What additional meaningful learning can be delivered through this PE lesson?



The LEAD Framework



The Primary Concept Curriculum offers a simple lesson delivery framework that can be utilised to effectively deliver conceptual learning whilst ensure



students are active for a sustained period of time and developing movement competency. Each stage of the LEAD framework is discussed below:

- Lesson Introduction: At the start of the lesson, by introducing the concept it opens the opportunity to focus the learning and explore its application within our PE context. This will be presented to children through a story-based delivery by which a character will link the concept to the immersive story.
- Energise, Explore and Link: Once students have understood what is meant by the concept, get them active as quickly as possible and encourage them to explore and make connections with the physical activity we are engaging in. This will enable a deeper level of thinking and learning. Using engaging exploration activities and questioning is a good way to connect a concept to the lesson. An activity is provided for you that will enable children to explore and link the activity to the concept, whilst simultaneously developing fundamental movement skills. At the end of the activity, ask the students the link questions (provided for you) for them to understand and link the learning to the activity.
- Activity: The most important part of any PE lesson is the opportunity
 to be physically active. Provided for you are engaging and challenging
 activities for students to demonstrate their understanding of the



concept, develop their competence and confidence with the physical activity and have plenty of time to practice the skills and techniques required to engage with a variety of activities. Look for teachable moments (discussed shortly) to further embed the concept and activity specific knowledge.

• **Discovery:** The final stage of the L.E.A.D Model is to discuss the discoveries we have made in the lesson and how this learning could be applied elsewhere. Once again, this will be embedded into a story and presented to children through a character's reflections. Here we encourage students to consider what they have learnt, how they have demonstrated this learning and where else this learning might help them in PE and beyond.



Teachable Moments

Teachable moments are times within a lesson that the concept can be embedded further, or coaching can be provided to enable practical progression. Teachable moments come in two forms:

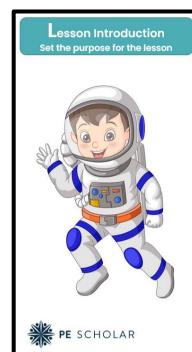
- Targeted learning: feedback provided to an individual or small group regarding the concept, key techniques, or sport specific information.
- Discussion points: Feedback provided to a class to highlight key learning or address common misconceptions.

Look for these teachable moments within a lesson to deliver impactful learning at the most opportune time. If there are no opportunities for teachable moments at that time, stand back and keep the students active.

Adaptive Teaching Strategies

The purpose of the Concept Curriculum is to provide a positive and inclusive PE experience for every child. Therefore, considering adaptive teaching strategies, such as the examples listed within the resource, can ensure all children have the opportunity to learn and progress in a positive PE environment. Examples of Adaptive Teaching Strategies are provided in the exemplar lesson plans.

Story Slides



"Hi Astronauts. Today is the day we start our mission and blast off into space. I can't wait. Are you excited too? Can you show me your excited faces?

Get children to show a partner/you their best excited face

I wonder if we will find alien life in outer space. How do you think an Alien might look like? (children to discuss appearance). How will they sound? (children to make funny noises to imitate an alien). How will they move? (children to move around as an alien).

We have lots to do as we prepare to launch. The Control Centre will be giving us lots of important instructions throughout our mission, so it means we must always listen to these instructions carefully. We can do this by being **active listeners**. Remember <insert teacher name> is the voice from the control centre and we must always follow their instructions. How can you show them you are a active listener?"

Ask the children how they can show you they are listening – consider: stopping what they are doing, eye contact, asking questions if they do not understand. Feel free to ask leading questions to prompt children to consider these suggestions.

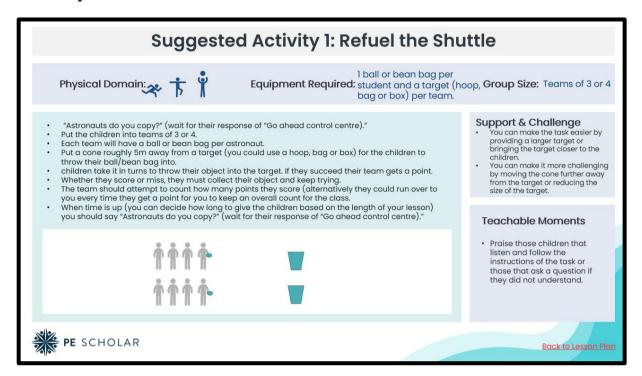
"Great job astronauts, being an active listener will really help us on our mission. We need to activate our listening ears (click imaginary switches on ears). Now we are ready for the second part of our training. I must warn you, exploring space can be very dangerous so its important to be prepared. Good luck recruits and remember our PE astronaut motto: be safe, be respectful and have fun!"

Back to Lesson Plan

Each lesson in the EYFS units of work are delivered through an Immersive story. These slides Include text to be read as the character and (light grey) text to provide teacher prompts. These slides will Introduce and embed concepts and provide the narrative that will link to the practical activities that will truly engage all children.



Activity Slides



Every activity has been planned for teachers with full, clear instructions on how to organise and run the activity. On the activity slide, you can see the following:

- Physical domain icons: this will indicate what fundamental movement skills this activity will develop.
- Equipment required
- Group size
- Support and challenge: this will support teachers to adapt the activity to add further challenge or support to meet the needs of all children.
- Activity Instructions (with diagram)
- Teachable moments (discussed shortly)

Teacher Development and Quality Assurance





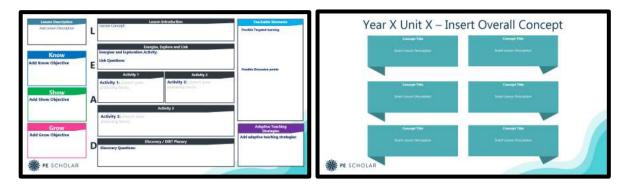
To support the development of the PE teachers delivering and the leaders implementing and embedding the Concept Curriculum, we have created lesson observation sheets. The observation sheets focus on four key aspects or a PE lesson:

- Know (cognitive development)
- Show (physical development)
- Grow (affective development)
- Inclusive Pedagogy and Environment

We have also created a lesson observation prompt sheet to support observers focus on important areas within a PE lesson and provide more constructive and meaningful feedback.



Create Your Own



We understand that every school is different, as is the needs of the students within them. Therefore, we have included some templates to enable departments to create their own unit plans around the concepts they feel would best meet their student's needs. The resource is also fully editable so you can make changes to suit your students with ease.

For PE Teachers By PE Teachers

The authors of this resource are all physical education teachers that understand the contemporary educational landscape. They share a common mission and goal to be more effective in delivering physical education experiences that are more positive, inclusive and meaningful.

More Information

For more information regarding this resource or other courses and resources please visit www.pescholar.com or contact us via support@pescholar.com



Closing Thoughts

We really hope this resource supports you in transforming your curriculum and ultimately making a bigger difference to more children and young people's lives.

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