

Physical Education (PE) Rationale

National Curriculum Aims for PE

A high-quality physical education curriculum inspires all children to succeed and excel in competitive sport and other physically-demanding activities. It should provide opportunities for children to become physically confident in a way which supports their health and fitness. Opportunities to compete in sport and other activities build character and help to embed values such as fairness and respect.

National Curriculum Purpose for PE

- Develop competence to excel in a broad range of physical activities
- Children are physically active for sustained periods of time
- Children engage in competitive sports and activities
- Children lead healthy, active lives.

Physically Literate (Having knowledge and skill in a specified subject)

The journey to becoming physically literate begins in Early Years through high quality provision in the prime area of Physical Development which is of made of two strands; Moving and Handling and Health and Self Care. These are implemented through both 'traditional PE lessons alongside a wide range of physical development opportunities in our high quality continuous provision both indoors and outside.

By the time children reach the end of Year Six they will be securely physically literate (see narrative below) and working in line with age related national expectations. They will have competed in intra and inter school competitions. They will have secure knowledge of the wide-ranging benefits of regular exercise and will have developed a passion and enthusiasm for one or more sports or forms of exercise.

In our Federation being physically literate means children have developed a broad range of physical skills including balance, co-ordinated movement, spatial awareness and can apply these in a range of traditional and non-traditional sporting contexts such as team games, individual sports, athletics, gymnastics, dance and swimming. Children are able to clearly and accurately measure and evaluate their performance suggesting ways to improve and recognising their success, achievements and personal bests. Children run, jump, throw and catch accurately and with confidence in a variety of contexts. They have a well-developed sense of the tactics and skills needed to attack and defend within a variety of traditional (basketball and hockey) and non-traditional (tchoukball and dodgeball) games/sports. Through all PE learning children develop strength, flexibility and good balance which can be applied within team games, dance, gymnastics and outdoor adventurous activities. Children confidently perform movement including dance to peers and parents in contexts such as; arts showcase productions and sharing assembly performances.

By the time children leave our schools at the end of Year Six they will have secure knowledge of the wide ranging benefits of regular exercise and have developed a passion and enthusiasm for one or more sports or forms of exercise.

Children will use PE to help regulate their physical and emotional health. They will have learnt how to work and play alongside others following and implementing rules and tactics. They will have learnt to win and loose well showing respect to team mates, competitors, coaches and officials.

PE Rationale

Primary PE helps our children to:

- Become physically literate, recognising the many varied benefits to regular physical activity in its carried forms
- Build physical and emotional strength and resilience
- Learn to work individual and as a team to compete respecting al those involved in competition
- Have knowledge and understanding of rules and laws of a range of traditional and nontraditional games and sports
- Physically thrive and find a physical activity they love

Physical Education (PE) at a primary level helps children to gain the knowledge and understanding of fundamental movement, physical confidence and the social, emotional and physical benefits to health of regular exercise in a variety of contexts both traditional and non-traditional, individual and team. PE helps our children to develop the skills, knowledge, and competencies to live healthy and physically active lives at school creating positive habits for their futures. They learn 'in, through, and about' fundamental movement (physical literacy), gaining an understanding that movement is integral to human expression and can contribute to people's pleasure and enhance their lives.

Physical Education at Follifoot & Spofforth inspires children to succeed and thrive in competitive sport and other physically demanding activities. It provides opportunities for children to become physically confident in a way that supports their health and fitness. By giving our children the opportunities to compete in sport and other activities it enables them to build confidence and help embed values such as fairness, teamwork, perseverance and respect.

Children are encouraged and empowered to participate in physical activity and understand how this influences their own well-being and that of others. By experiencing first-hand the benefits of an active life style, they encourage others to participate in sport, dance, exercise, recreation, and adventure pursuits.

Physical Education engages and energises our children challenging them to develop their physical and interpersonal skills. They experience movement and understand the role that it can play in their lives.

The skills taught in physical education improve children's performance, sharpen their knowledge of strategy and tactics, and help them to transfer knowledge from one context to another, including sport, recreational and outdoor activities.

Physical Education explicitly teaches the necessary knowledge and skills for working with and relating to others, and provides the learning opportunities to develop these skills. It enables the development of leadership and teamwork skills and encourages our children to transfer knowledge to other curriculum disciplines for example Science. It provides an introduction to further learning that might lead to careers and or volunteering that involve working with people, such as education, health & fitness and coaching.

Physical Education provides a range of opportunities for children to challenge and extend themselves. Our PE curriculum enables and challenges children to step outside their comfort zone to take on new social, physical, and emotional challenges. Taking on challenges and assessing risk develops their decision-making skills and builds their ability to assess risk for themselves thus building independence for their futures.

Physical Education teaches children to critically inquire into the social and cultural significance of movement and physical; activity so that they can better understand what influences people to engage and participate in physical activity. They consider how participation in movement influences society by examining issues, such as:

- why people are attracted to different sports and activities
- why people enjoy watching big events such as World Cup rugby, Premier League, Ashes cricket or the Tour de France to name but a few!

Intent	Implementation	Impact: to be reviewed at the end of each academic year
At Follifoot & Spofforth we believe children should all learn to be physically literate through a wide range of traditional and non-traditional physical opportunities. By the time they leave primary school they should have secure knowledge of the wide ranging benefits of regular exercise and should have developed a passion and enthusiasm for one or more sports or forms of exercise. Children will be able to use PE to help regulate their physical and emotional health. They will have learnt how to work and play alongside others following and implementing rules and tactics. They will have learnt to win and lose well showing respect to teammates, competitors, coaches and officials.	At Follifoot & Spofforth we plan sequences of learning that will challenge prior learning and help children construct secure knowledge and understanding as well as develop and improve their skills. Using the PE premium teachers and support staff work alongside professional sports coaches to enhance provision and prepare them well for a intra, and inter school competition. A scheme based around physically literacy ('REAL PE') also helps shape provision and supports staff with skills progression across KS1 and KS2. This takes a non-sports based theme approach to focusing on key skills of being physically literate such as strength and balance. Curriculum planning provides children with opportunity to learn and take part in a range of traditional (football, netball, quick sticks hockey, swimming) and non-traditional (tchoukball, dodgeball, table tennis and archery, golf) activities. Prior knowledge is always revisited before introducing new ideas. Our curriculum offer is further enhanced through a wide range of opportunities for physical activity in our active playgrounds and through our range of extracurricular opportunities. British values in particular the rule of law are planned in to ensure these opportunities are maximised.	

Knowledge and Enquiry in Physical Education (PE) Substantive knowledge concerns the key facts, concepts, principles and explanatory frameworks in a subject. Disciplinary Knowledge needed in order to think process and understand with the subject.

Knowledge in PE refers to the understanding and interpretation of key concepts relating to fundamental physical movement, knowledge of the effects of exercise on the body as well as the rules and tactics associated with common traditional non-traditional physical activities and sports. This includes the correct and accurate use of key vocabulary associated with physical activity.

In PE knowledge is sequential and progressive through from reception to year 6. Some substantive knowledge is transferable between sequences for example children will develop their ability to throw with speed, accuracy and over increasing distances in games such as netball, basketball and tchoukball and also in athletic disciplines such as javelin. Children will learn balance and control in games such as netball, in outdoor and adventurous challenges and also in gymnastics and dance. Teaching will reference back where this is the case and prior knowledge will be established to ensure it is effectively built upon.

In PE the disciplinary knowledge is the interpretation and application of the movements, rules and tactics attached to different physical disciplines, activities of sports. Disciplinary knowledge also covers children's ability to evaluate and judge performance including the quality of movement. For example when children know how to effectively execute a shot on a tchoukball net they can evaluate the possible outcomes and likely success of different types of shot.

Enquiry in PE

The evaluation of performance including the best use of tactics provide the opportunity for enquiry in primary PE. Regular opportunities for reflection and evaluation are built into PE sequences. Children are taught how to observe and where appropriate technology is used to facilitate accurate evaluation of performance.

Creativity in PE

The performance element of our PE curriculum provides opportunity for children to express themselves creatively. Exploring the quality of movement in dance, gymnastics and games allows children to express themselves creatively. Drawing on prior knowledge and skills to apply to new contexts and situations requires creative thought from our children.

At Follifoot & Spofforth Schools curriculum planning encourages and supports achieving natural links between PE and other subject disciplines such as Science and History. These links are deliberate and purposeful. They are created naturally and never forced. For example children may measure, record and compare heart rates during different types of physical activity when studying the human body in Science. Children may also play traditional playground games from the past when studying Victorian Britain in history.

Assessment in PE

Tracking children's progress throughout their school life is vital in order to establish their acquisition of knowledge and skills. At the Federation of Follifoot & Spofforth, learning always starts with the children's prior knowledge and any misconceptions they may have. Class teachers decide upon the most appropriate age related way of obtaining the children's prior knowledge. Units of work are then personalised to the children.

Misconceptions that arise throughout the unit are identified and addressed appropriately by the teacher. As a Federation we are currently exploring approaches to assessing children's recall of their learning to assess how effectively knowledge and skills have been embedded and mastered. In PE we are exploring the use of PE diaries where children in KS2 recall and record the knowledge and skills gained and applied as well as opportunity to reflect on their personal performances.