Progression
Subject Area: Dance

	EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Health and Fitness	Describe how the body feels when still and when exercising.	Describe how the body feels before, during and after exercise. Carry and place equipment safely.	Recognise and describe how the body feels during and after different physical activities. Explain what they need to stay healthy.	Recognise and describe the effects of exercise on the body. Know the importance of strength and flexibility for physical activity. Explain why it is important to warm up and cool down.	Describe how the body reacts at different times and how this affects performance. Explain why exercise is good for your health. Know some reasons for warming up and cooling down.	Know and understand the reasons for warming up and cooling down. Explain some safety principles when preparing for and during exercise.	Understand the importance of warming up and cooling down. Carry out warm-ups and cool-downs safely and effectively. Understand why exercise is good for health, fitness and wellbeing. Know ways they can become healthier.
Dance Skills	Run in different ways for a variety of purposes.	Vary their pace and speed when running. Run with a basic technique over different distances. Show good posture and balance. Jog in a straight line. Change direction when jogging. Sprint in a straight line. Change direction when sprinting. Maintain control as they change direction when jogging or sprinting.	Run at different paces, describing the different paces. Use a variety of different stride lengths. Travel at different speeds. Begin to select the most suitable pace and speed for distance. Complete an obstacle course. Vary the speed and direction in which they are travelling. Run with basic techniques following a curved line. Be able to maintain and control a run over different distances.	Identify and demonstrate how different techniques can affect their performance. Focus on their arm and leg action to improve their sprinting technique. Begin to combine running with jumping over hurdles. Focus on trail leg and lead leg action when running over hurdles. Understand the importance of adjusting running pace to suit the distance being run.	Confidently demonstrate an improved technique for sprinting. Carry out an effective sprint finish. Perform a relay, focusing on the baton changeover technique. Speed up and slow down smoothly.	Accelerate from a variety of starting positions and select their preferred position. Identify their reaction times when performing a sprint start. Continue to practise and refine their technique for sprinting, focusing on an effective sprint start. Select the most suitable pace for the distance and their fitness level in order to maintain a sustained run. Identify and demonstrate stamina, explaining its importance for runners.	Recap, practise and refine an effective sprinting technique, including reaction time. Build up speed quickly for a sprint finish. Run over hurdles with fluency, focusing on the lead leg technique and a consistent stride pattern. Accelerate to pass other competitors. Work as a team to competitively perform a relay. Confidently and independently select the most appropriate pace for different distances and different parts of the run. Demonstrate endurance and stamina over longer distances in order to maintain a sustained run.

Dance Skills (continued)			Use different transitions within a dance motif. Move in time to music. Improve the timing of their actions.	Perform with some awareness of rhythm and expression.	Demonstrate precision and some control in response to stimuli. Begin to vary dynamics and develop actions and motifs in response to stimuli. Demonstrate rhythm and spatial awareness. Change parts of a dance as a result of self-evaluation. Use simple dance vocabulary when comparing and improving work.	Demonstrate imagination and creativity in the movements they devise in response to stimuli. Use transitions to link motifs smoothly together. Improvise with confidence, still demonstrating fluency across the sequence. Ensure their actions fit the rhythm of the music. Modify parts of a sequence as a result of self and peer evaluation. Use more complex dance vocabulary to compare and improve work.	Demonstrate strong and controlled movements throughout a dance sequence. Combine flexibility, techniques and movements to create a fluent sequence. Move appropriately and with the required style in relation to the stimulus, e.g. using various levels, ways of travelling and motifs. Show a change of pace and timing in their movements. Move rhythmically and accurately in dance sequences. Improvise with confidence, still demonstrating fluency across their sequence. Dance with fluency and control, linking all movements and ensuring that transitions flow. Demonstrate consistent precision when performing dance sequences. Modify some elements of a sequence as a result of self and peer evaluation. Use complex dance vocabulary to compare and improve work.
Compete/Perform	Control my body when performing a sequence of movements.	Perform using a range of actions and body parts with some coordination. Begin to perform learnt skills with some control.	Perform sequences of their own composition with coordination. Perform learnt skills with increasing control. Compete against self and others.	Develop the quality of the actions in their performances. Perform learnt skills and techniques with control and confidence. Compete against self and others in a controlled manner.	Perform and create sequences with fluency and expression. Perform and apply skills and techniques with control and accuracy.	Perform own longer, more complex sequences in time to music. Consistently perform and apply skills and techniques with accuracy and control.	Link actions to create a complex sequence using a full range of movement. Perform the sequence in time to music. Perform and apply a variety of skills and techniques confidently, consistently and with precision.

Evaluate	Talk about what they have done. Talk about what others have done.	Watch and describe performances. Begin to say how they could improve.	Watch and describe performances, and use what they see to improve their own performance. Talk about the differences between their work and that of others.	Watch, describe and evaluate the effectiveness of a performance. Describe how their performance has improved over time.	Watch, describe and evaluate the effectiveness of performances, giving ideas for improvements. Modify their use of skills or techniques to achieve a better result.	Choose and use criteria to evaluate own and others' performances. Explain why they have used particular skills or techniques, and the effect they have had on their performance.	Thoroughly evaluate their own and others' work, suggesting thoughtful and appropriate improvements.