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ABC Basketball

Year groups: Reception - Year 6 (ages 4 - 11 years)





Equipment

Basketball

Description

Children sit or stand in a large circle and pass the basketball around the circle (like a hot potato) while singing the alphabet.

Whoever has the ball when the group gets to the letter Z must go to the basket and try to make a shot.

If a player makes the shot, he/she takes their sea in the circle.

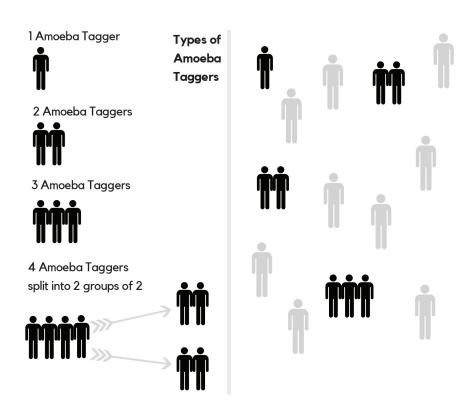
If they miss it, they are out of the game.

Amoeba Tag

Focus: To move with others using cooperation and coordination.

Year groups: 1 - 6 (ages 5 - 11 years)





Further opportunities

Make this task easier

Increase the size of the playing area. Reduce the number of starting taggers.

Make this task more challenging

Reduce the size of the playing area. Increase the number of starting taggers.

Equipment

A marked out playing area/square.

Description

Select 1-2 starting Amoeba Taggers (Black). Everyone else is free (Grey).

When an Amoeba Tagger tags someone they must join by holding hands.

When a chain gets to 4 Amoeba Taggers it must split into 2 groups of 2 Amoeba Taggers.

If a chain breaks, they must join back together before tagging. The game finishes when all students are caught.

Questions to ask

What is cooperation?

Why do you need to cooperate in this game?

How can good cooperation help you to coordinate your movement in this game?

Banana Tag

Year groups: Reception - Year 6 (ages 4 - 11 years)



Description

Choose one or several people to be It – the ones who run around and try to tag the rest of the players. Let's say June and Bobby are It. They stand still, close their eyes, and count to 10, giving the rest of the players a chance to run and scatter. When Bobby and June are done counting, they open their eyes and spring into action.

Bobby and June run around the playing area, trying to tag (touch with one hand – using soft hands for safety) as many people as possible. Say Bobby tags Raoul. As soon as he does, Raoul has to freeze, standing still in one spot, and put his hands above his head and lean slightly to the side, like in the picture:

See how he's making roughly the shape of a banana?

Then Raoul stands still and waits for someone to unfreeze him.

In banana tag, Raoul is unfrozen by two teammates, not just one, who come up to either side of him, each grab an arm, and pull his arms down – like Raoul is a banana they're peeling, get it? Then Raoul is unfrozen, and he can run around again until he's tagged again.

The game ends when Bobby and June have frozen all the other players.

I like banana tag more than regular freeze tag because having to have two players unfreeze a frozen player (or, in this case, peel a banana-ed player) makes the game a little harder for the players (and a little easier for the taggers).

Equipment

A big, open playing area

Best for

A large group (at least 10 players)

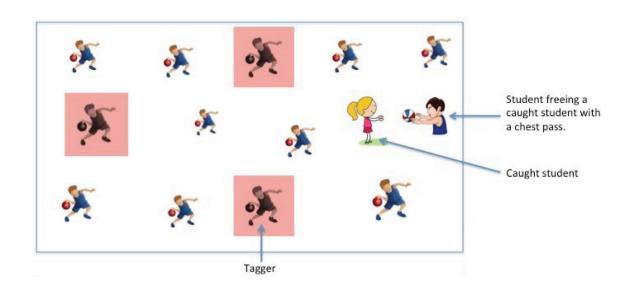


Basketball Pass Tag

Focus: Movement, coordination, catching, passing and teamwork.

Year groups: 1 - 6 (ages 5 - 11 years)





Variations

Specific Passes: In the freeing process allocate a specific pass (for example only chest passes or bounce passes).

Team Basketball Pass Tag:
Divide the group into 2 teams. Each team
selects 1-3 taggers (give the taggers an extra
colour band). If a student is tagged by a tagger
from the other team then they can only get
freed by someone on their own team.
The team with the most players left at the end wins.

Differentiation

Easier

Increase the size of playing area Reduce the number of taggers

Harder:

Reduce the size of the playing area Increase the number of taggers Increase the distance the basketsball must be thrown.

Allow quarding

Equipment

Basketballs - Bibs/Pinnies

Setting Up

Mark out a playing area.
Provide enough basketballs for 1 per student

Description

Select 2-5 taggers depending on the size of the group. Give these students a bib/pinnie.

All students must dribble the basketball around the playing area and avoid the taggers.

Taggers must dribble the basketball at all times.

If a student is tagged they must stop and place the ball on the floor between their feet.

Freeing process: A different student passes the ball to the caught player, who must catch it, and return the pass back. Distance must be no closer than 2 giant steps.

No quarding caught players.

Students freeing caught students cannot be tagged.

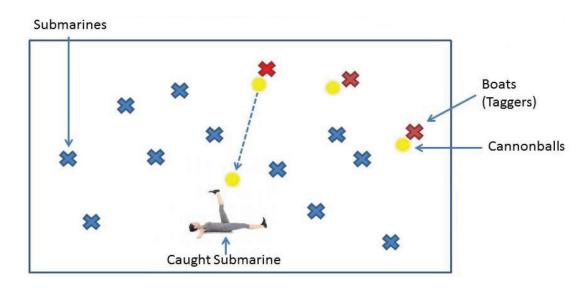
If a ball is dropped, then it must be picked up and dribbling continues. If all students are caught the game is over.

Beanbag Boccia

Focus: Movement, coordination, overarm throw, dodging and teamwork

Year groups: Reception - Year 6 (ages 4 - 11 years)





Further opportunities

Differentiation

Fasier:

- Increase the size of playing area
- Reduce the number of taggers (boats)

Harder:

- Reduce the size of the playing area
- Increase the number of taggers (boats)
- Throw with non-preferred throwing hand

Variations:

- Team submarine tag: Have teams against each other with one cannonball between the team. They must work together to sink other teams.

Equipment

Soft Dodgeballs

Setting Up

Mark out a playing area.

Select 1-3 students to be catchers (Boats) and give them a soft dodgeball.

Description

Boats (taggers) have to chase and throw their cannonballs at the submarines (other students).

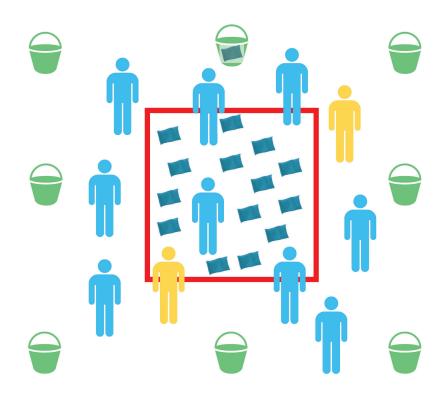
If a submarine is hit (below the shoulders), the must sink to the floor (on their back) and raise one foot (the periscope) pointing towards to the ceiling.

To get freed another submarine must push down the periscope (leg) of the caught submarine.

Bean Bag Bucket Tag

Focus: To improve underarm throwing accuracy **Year groups:** Reception - year 6 (ages 4 - 11 years)





Further opportunities

Make this task easier

Increase the size of the playing area. Increase the size of the throwing area. Increase the size of the buckets.

Make this task more challenging

Reduce the size of the playing area. Reduce the size of the throwing area. Reduce the size of the buckets.

Equipment

Spots/Cones to mark the area, bean bags and buckets.

Description

Place buckets around the edge of the playing area.

Mark an inner square and fill it with bean bags.

Select 2-5 taggers (depending on group size).

Students (Blue) and taggers (Yellow) can move anywhere.

If a student gets tagged they go to the inner square and collect 1 bean bag. To get freed the student has to underarm throw the bean bag into any bucket.

If they miss, they must retrieve it and try again.

If they throw it into the bucket they are free.

Taggers win once all of the bean bags have gone from the inner square. You can play a timed game.

Questions to ask

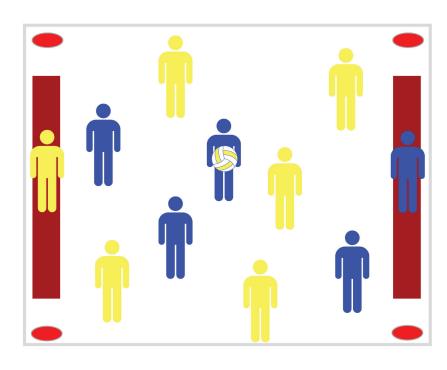
What can students do to not get tagged? What is an underarm throw? How do we do a correct underarm throw?

Bench Ball - Point Version

Focus: To pass a ball accurately

Year groups: 2 - 6 (ages 7 - 11 years)





Differentiation

Easier:

- Reduce the size of the playing area
- Increase the size of the ball.

Harder:

- Increase the size of the playing area.
- Reduce the size of the ball.
- Everyone in the team must touch the ball before shooting.

Equipment

Benches, bibs/pinnies, spots and 1 ball.

Description

Divide the group into 2 equal teams.

Choose 1 goalkeeper for each team to start on the bench.

The aim is to pass the ball to your teams' goalkeeper without it bouncing.

This scores a point for the team.

The scorer swaps positions with the goalkeeper.

The game is restarted by the other team from a red start spot.

Students are not allowed to move whilst holding the ball (except pivoting)

Students without the ball can move anywhere.

If the ball goes behind the bench it is restarted on a red start spot.

The ball cannot be snatched. Blocking and intercepting is allowed.

Setting Up

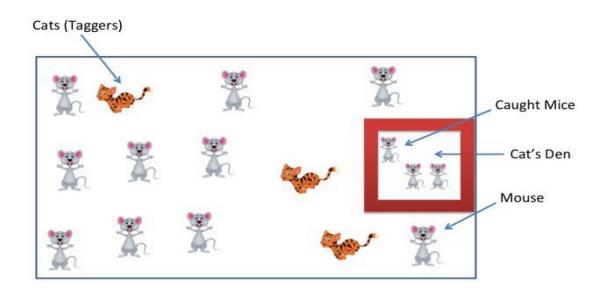
What types of passes can you do? Why do you need to pass in this game? How can you pass more accurately?

Tom and Jerry (Cat and Mouse)

Focus: Movement, coordination, strategy and teamwork

Year groups: Reception: Year 3 (ages 4 - 8 years)





Further opportunities

Differentiation

Easier

Cats start wearing a bib for visibility Increase size of playing area. Reduce number of cats. Harder

Remove bibs from the cats. Reduce the size of the playing area Increase number of cats.

Variations:

Team Cat and Mouse: Teams work together to protect each other and be the last team left in the game. Teams have different colour tails.

Equipment

Cones and spots: To mark out playing area and Cats Den. Bibs/Pinnies cats to wear and for mice to use as tails.

Setting Up

Mark out a playing area. Mark out a Cat's Den.
Select 2-4 Cats and give them a bib/pinnie to wear.
Give each mouse a tail (bib/pinnie)
Set out spare bibs/pinnies around the playing area.

Description

Mice can move anywhere inside the playing area and aim to stay away from the cats.

If a cat takes their tail (bib/pinnie) then they go to the Cat's Den.

To get freed from the Cat's Den, another mouse must collect a new tail and deliver it to the Cat's Den without trying to get caught. Only 1 tail at a time.

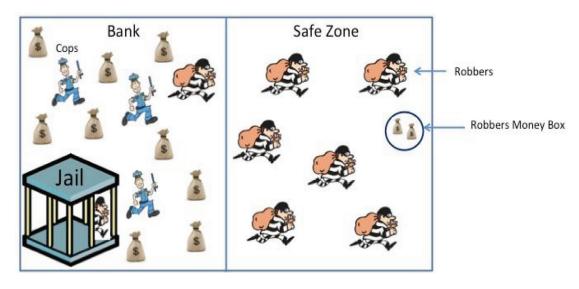
The game is over once all mice are caught.

Cops and Robbers

Focus: Thinking skills, Movement, agility, speed, strategy and fitness

Year groups: Reception - year 5 (ages 4 - 10 years)





Equipment

Spots

Bean bags

Back bag sack or box Bibs (same colour)

Further opportunities

Differentiation

Easier

Increase size of the playing area.

Harder:

Reduce size of the playing area.

Differentiation

Change the number of cops Give robbers tails and if their tail gets taken they go to jail. Ask students to design the layout of the safe zone, bank and jail. Students have to do an activity whilst caught in jail (for example jumping jacks)

Setting Up

Put down a line of spots/cones down the centre of the playing. One half is a safe place and one half is a bank.

Mark out a jail in the corner of the bank using spots/cones.

Select 2-4 Cops to where bibs.

Spread out the money (bean bags) in the bank.

Description

The aim of the game is for the robbers to collect all of the money and for the cops to prevent them.

Robbers start in the safe zone and cops start in the bank. Cops are not allowed in the safe zone.

When robbers enter the bank they are only allowed to take 1 piece of money (bean bags) at a time. Their aim is to return it to the safe zone and put it in the money sack/box.

If a robber gets tagged they must go to jail and drop any money they are carrying. Cops can guard money and the jail.

To get freed another robber must safely get to the jail without getting tagged and can free the caught robber by holding their hand. They are allowed to walk back to the safe zone without being caught.

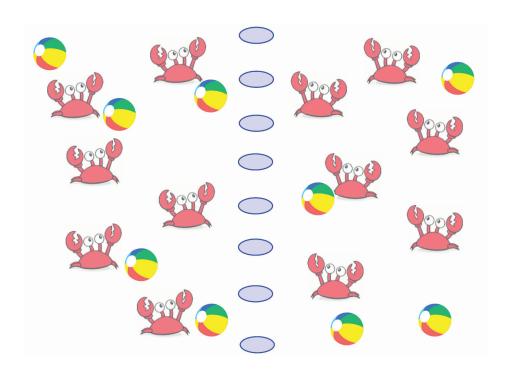
The game is over once all of the money has been stolen or all of the robbers are in jail.

Crab Football Clearout

Focus: To coordinate our hands and feet.

Year groups: Reception - year 6 (ages 4 - 11 years)





Further opportunities

Make this task easier

Students can use hands. Make the playing area smaller.

Make this task more challenging

Add different sized balls.

Students to use their least comfortable foot for kicking.

Students must pass to a team mate before kicking into the other zone.

Equipment

Beach balls (or large soft balls) Spots/cones

Description

Put a line of spots/cones down the middle of the playing area.

Divide the beach balls equally and put them on each teams beach.

Divide the students into 2 teams.

Students move like a crab on their feet and hands (stomach pointing to the sky).

Each team protects their beach and tries to clear the beach balls into the other teams beach. Students must kick using feet.

The team with the least beach balls on their beach at the end wins.

Questions to ask

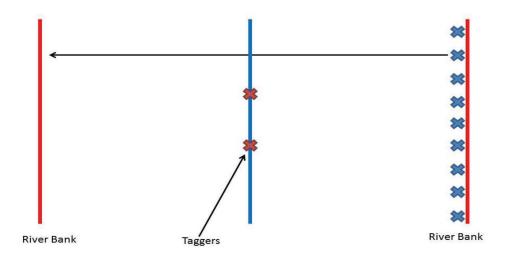
What ways can be move like a crab? Which way is the quickest way of moving? How can we work together in this game?

Crossing the River (or famous river)

Focus: Movement, decision making and strategy. **Year groups:** Reception - Year 6 (ages 4 - 11 years)



Crossing the river



Further opportunities

Differentiation

Easier: Increase playing area

Harder: Increase taggers - Reduce playing area

Variations:

- Students have to move using a specific movement (For example: hopping, jumping, side stepping, crawling etc.)
- Taggers hold hands
- Cross the river with a partner.

Equipment

No Equipment needed.

If outside mark out a square/rectangle as a playing area with cones/spots

Setting Up

This can be played in any indoor or outdoor area. Set a limit on the size of the area. If you are playing outside, create an area using cones/spots. Select 1 person to be the tagger/fish

Description

Students line up at one end of the River Bank (End line) and have to move across to the other river Bank (Opposite End Line) without getting caught by the tagger (fish).

If a student gets tagged, the become a tagger.

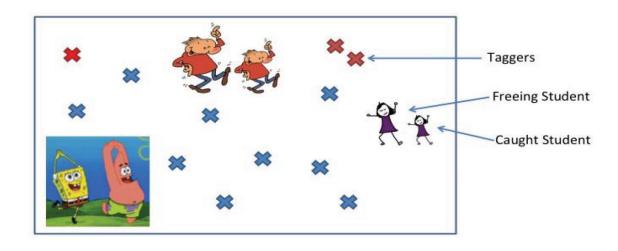
Taggers must always start on the middle line (Half way between the two end lines). If they tag off the middle line, the catch does not count.

For students that are waiting too long, introduce a count down (10 seconds). If the have not made it to River Bank in 1 seconds, they become a tagger.

Dance Tag

Focus: Movement, coordination, creativity and fun. **Year groups:** Reception - Year 6 (ages 4 - 11 years)





Further opportunities

Differentiation

Easier:

- Reduce taggersHarder:

Harder:

- Increase taggers
- Increase complexity of dance move requirements (for example the dance move must go from low to high movements)

Variations:

- Dance Crew: When a player is caught, 3 other peers must come and join the dance crew before they are freed.

Equipment

Audio (not essential)

Setting Up

Select 1-3 taggers Set up the audio system to play varied music.

Description

Taggers aim to catch all of the students.

If a student is caught, they have to stop and create a dance move. They keep repeating the dance move until a peer comes to save them.

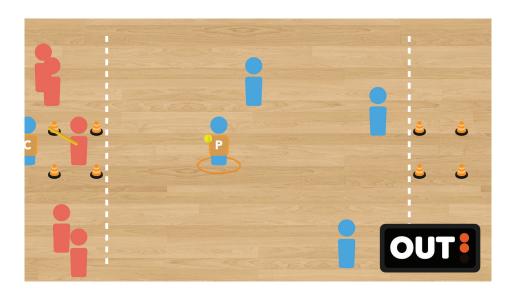
To be freed, a peer must mirror or copy the dance move for 5 seconds. They are then free to rejoin the game.

Students cannot repeat a dance and must create a different dance move if they are caught again.

Danish Longball

Year groups: 2 - 6 (ages 6 - 11 years)





Safety Considerations

As required in the rules, players may not throw the bat outside of home base after a swing. Players may not obstruct a player who is running between bases. Soft tags should be used whenever attempting to tag a running player. Fielding players should stand at a safe distance from the batting player.

Video link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hNP2kBfEQxs

This video shows how to play the very popular Danish Long Ball. However, at Let's Leap, we play it slightly differently. Rather than striking the ball with a bat/racket, we lower the skill level for campers by allowing the bowler to roll a dodgeball towards the batter/kicking player, and then the batter will kick the ball as opposed to batting the ball.

Equipment

Cones - Foam ball - Bibs

Description

The playing area is set up with two parallel lines (the front line and the back line) about 10 apart. A square base is set up adjacent to the front line using four cones (this is the home base).

A second square base is set up adjacent to the back line (this is the runner base). A pitcher's mound is set up a poly spot or hoop at an appropriate distance from the home base. Class is divide into two teams. One team starts as the batting team, the other team starts as the fielding team. The batting team lines beside the home base and selects a batting order.

The fielding team sets themselves up beyond the front line and select one player to play the role of catcher (the catcher stands behind the home base) and another to play the role of pitcher (who stands on the pitcher's mound). The first batting player steps into the home base. The pitcher pitches the ball using an underhand throw.

The batter runs to the runner base whether or not they strike the ball. However, before running, the batting player must drop the bat inside the home base. Once at the runner base, the running player may choose to stay on that base or run back to home base in order to score a point. However, once a player has committed to running back to home base, they may not turn back. Offensive players in the runner base may opt to stay there until they think it is safe to run to home base. Following the pitch, they fielding team will attempt to get the batting player (or any other offensive player who is running) out.

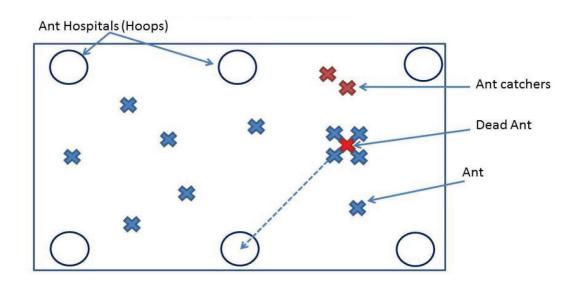
A player is out if a) they are caught out, b) they are tagged by a player in possession of the ball while in between the front and back lines, c) they hit the ball behind the front line, or d) they throw the bat outside of the home base after having swung at the ball. If the fielding team is not in position to get a player out, they can simply send the ball to the pitcher for the play to be dead. Once the pitcher has the ball while standing on their mound, offensive players may no longer attempt to run to home base.

The batting teams stays at bat until the fielding team manages to get three players out. After three outs, the teams exchange roles.

Dead Ants

Focus: Movement, coordination, teamwork, cooperation, communication, decision making and strength. **Year groups:** Reception - Year 6 (ages 4 - 11 years)





Further opportunities

Differentiation

Fasier:

- Fewer taggers
- Larger playing area
- More ant hospitals Harder:
- More taggers
- Smaller playing area
- Less ant hospitals

Variations:

- If all legs or arms are not being touched by the ants, then the ants touching the 1-3 legs/arms can get caught.
- Team dead ants. Two teams against each other where they can catch opposite team members and can only save their own.

Equipment

Hoops

Setting Up

Place 4-6 hoops around the edge of the playing area. Select 1-3 taggers (Ant Catchers)

Description

All students are ants, except 1-3 ant catchers. Ants must move around the playing area without getting caught by an ant catcher.

If an ant gets tagged by an ant catcher, they are dead and lie on the floor with their arms and legs pointing up at the ceiling.

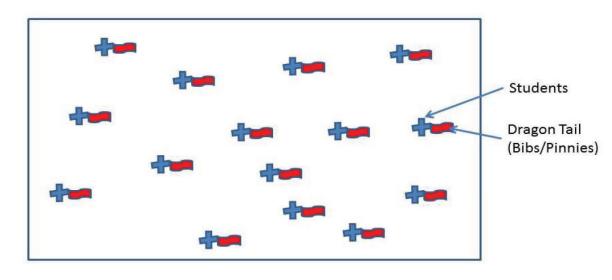
To save a dead ant, 4 ants must come along and lift a leg or arm up. The team of ants must carefully carry the dead ant to the nearest ant hospital (hoops). Teach carrying and lowering the dead ants safely.

Dragon Tails

Focus: Movement, strategy, spatial awareness and coordination.

Year groups: 1 - 5 (ages 5 - 10 years)





Further opportunities

Differentiation

Easier

- Increase the playing area

Harder

- Reduce the playing area

Variations:

- Extra lives: If students take tails, they can keep them as extra lives.
- Team Dragon Tails: Teams work together to protect each other and be the last team left in the game. Teams have different colours.

Equipment

Bibs/Pinnies

Setting Up

Give every student a bib/pinnie (dragon tail).

Students must tuck their dragon tail into their shorts/trousers. It must be clearly visible.

Description

Students work individually to protect their dragon tails from others and at the same time take other students tails.

If a student loses their tail, they are out of the game.

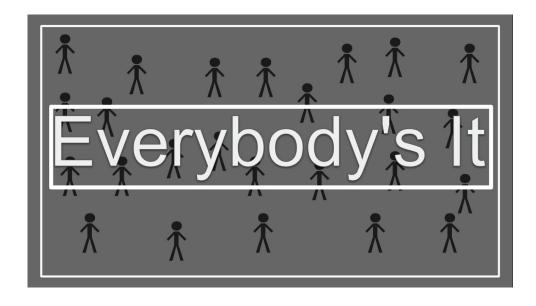
Students are not allowed to touch their own tails after the start of the game.

See variations for different ideas.

Everybody's It

Year groups: 1 - 6 (ages 5 - 11 years)





Equipment

None needed

Video link:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4ohNNSKIRQQ

Description

'Everybody's It' is a classic all-time favorite tag game with non-stop action! Everybody is it, and everybody can also get tagged. If a player gets tagged, he must sit where he was tagged. He is stuck down until the player who tagged him gets tagged, and then he's back up. It's that simple! This is a very active game; lots of running. If players are sitting too long then the teacher can yell out, "free pass" and then they can get back up. If players tag eachother at the same time then they play a round of 'Rock, Paper, Scissors' to see who sits.

- 1 Players spread out around the gym.
- 2 Everyone is 'It' but everyone can also get tagged.
- 3 Players sit if tagged.
- 4 Players get back up when player who tagged them gets tagged.
- 5 If a player is sitting too long, give a 'free pass' so he can get back up.
- 6 If two players tag each other at the same time, they play 'Rock, Paper, Scissors' to see who sits.

Floor Tag / Island Tag





Video link:

https://peuniverse.com/video/island-tag/

Equipment

None needed

Description

Children are lying side by side all over the gym floor/outdoor area, making the islands.

One child starts as the tagger chasing his partner; if he tags his partner, the partner becomes IT.

Before being tagged, the partner being chased can lie down by an island; the child on the outside of the island jumps up and is now being chased. After children have the hang of it, add more chasers.

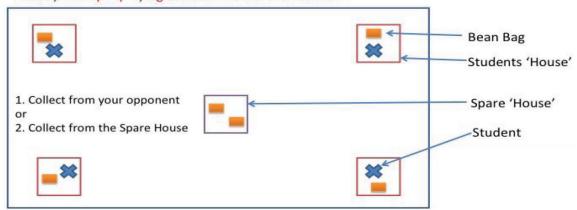
Full House

Focus: Movement, agility, speed, strategy and fitness

Year groups: 2 - 6 (ages 6 - 11 years)



Set up multiple playing areas to include all students.



Equipment

Spots or masking tape (to mark out each zone) - Bean bags

Further opportunities

Differentiation

Change the size of the playing area (larger or smaller).

Change the object (size of equipment)

Change movement skill to jumping, hopping etc.

Change the quantity required to win.

Variations:

More students on each playing area (Note: Add extra bean bags to spare house) Team Full House

Setting Up

The playing area is set up as below.

Each student should is allocated a house in the playing area (Square or a spot).

Each house has 1 bean bag at the start.

The spare house in the middle has 2 bean bags at the start.

Description

The aim of the game is for students to fill their house with 3 bean bags.

- -Students may only collect 1 bean bag at a time.
- -Students always begin the game at their allocated house (with 1 bean bag).
- -The spare house in the middle always has 2 bean bags (unless you add extra players to the playing area)
- -On the word "Go", students have to run and collect 1 bean bag at a time from an opponent's house or the spare house.
- -Students cannot protect their house.
- -A player shouts "Full House" if they successfully collect 3 bean bags.

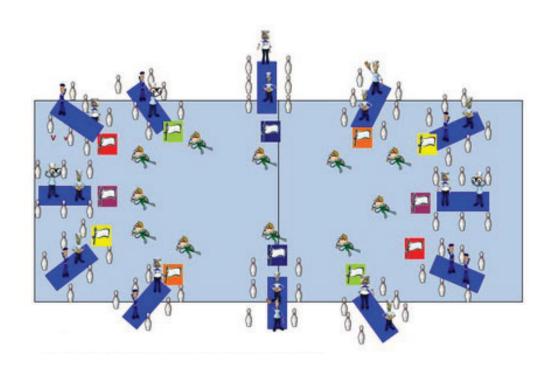
The game is reset and repeated.

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Giant Battleships

Year groups: 1 - 6 (ages 5 - 11 years)





Video link:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R-DamYBFrAg

Equipment

Bowling pins Soft balls

Description

This lesson plan and diagram is for a large group physical education class game called "BattleShip".

It is a strategic and extremely fun rolling, throwing and accuracy game. During the game, students try to sink other battleships by throwing balls at the other teams' pins (propellers) while trying to save their own ship!

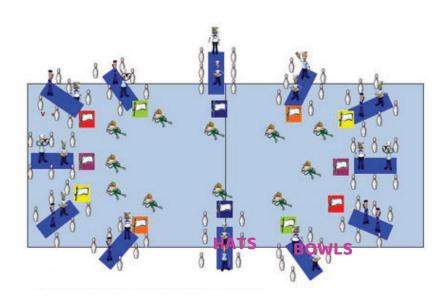
Scuba divers travel through the ocean to provide ammunition.

The kids will leave the gym with smiles on their faces and will be asking you if they really have to leave.

Hats & Bowls

Year groups: Reception - Year 6 (ages 4 - 11 years)





Equipment

Small Cones

Description

Place enough small cones on the floor so that there is a least one for each child. Half of them need to be placed on the floor in the normal way, and half upside down.

This creates the cups and saucers. Divide the group in two, depending on whether they are a hat or bowl, and they have to turn the cones over for their team. The team with the most cones turned over within a set time, e.g.60 seconds, wins.

The game can be repeated by lengthening the time, travelling in a specific way, e.g. hopping, or having an uneven split of cones to start with.

Here are some fun variations

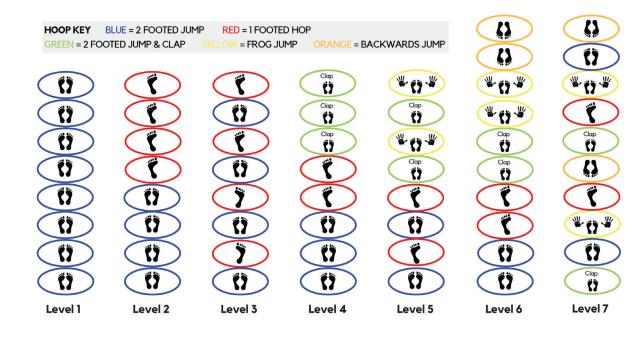
1) When you have finished this game, you get each team to go back to their side, then on the whistle, each team member runs out and collects one cone and takes it back to their side. When all the cones are gone from the middle, they can steal one cone at a time from the other team. The team with the most cones at the end wins. Make sure they only take one cone. You can add penalties, such as taking 5 off a team if they take more than 1 at a time.

2) Place 4 hoops around the hall/playground, one for each colour cone. Have a 'tidy team' and a 'messy team'... the tidy team must run out, collect one cone and put it in the correct colour hoop, the messy team has to run out, collect one cone and place it in a different colour hoop. When they have all gone from the middle, the tidy team must try to sort the cones out into the correct colour hoop and the messy team has to mix them up. Only one cone can be picked up at a time, and if a cone is picked up, it must be put into a hoop (you cannot just pick up a cone and throw it out of the hoop).

Hoop Colour Coordination

Focus: To develop gross motor skill coordination. **Year groups:** Reception - year 6 (ages 4 - 11 years)





Equipment

Hoops (5 colours)

How to set up

Set up the hoops as shown in the level 1.

Set up as many level 1 stations as required based on the size of the group.

Divide students into groups of 3-5. Assign groups to a track of hoops.

How to do the activity

Write a key for students to see (right). Students all start on level 1. Students go at their own speed and return back to the start of the line once completed and repeat continuously. The next student should go once the student in front gets to the 3rd hoop. Students move onto the next level once the teacher or students feel they have mastered the level.

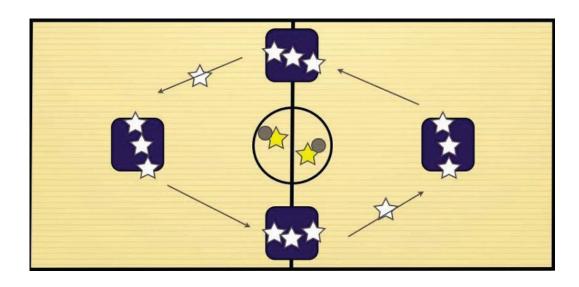
Further development ideas

- 1. Add more hoops,
- 2. Change the motor skills,
- 3. Students create their own levels / track.

Island Dodgeball

Year groups: 1 - 6 (ages 5 - 11 years)





Equipment

Balls

Description

You can split your class into a few teams and use mats to create those islands. No player is allowed to leave their island unless it is to collect a ball.

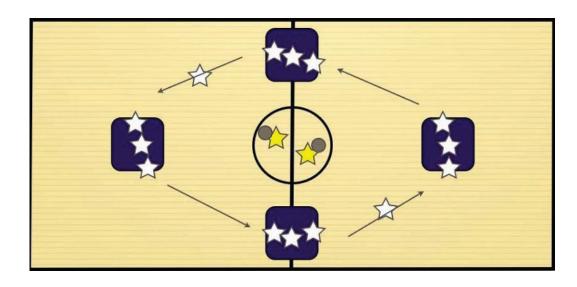
Teams must stand on a large mat as they play. Only one player at a time may step off to collect balls, but they cannot throw them unless they are on the "island".

Players must stand on their island (mat) and try to hit players on the other islands.

Jedi Dodgeball

Year groups: 2 - 6 (ages 6 - 11 years)





Equipment

Balls Hula-Hoop

Description

One player from each team is chosen to be the Jedi.

Jedis start the game inside of a Hula-Hoop which is their "circle of force".

When a player is hit the must sit down.

Jedis can heal them by tagging them.

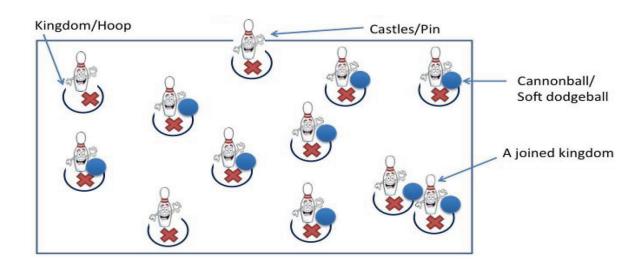
If the Jedi has to come out of their "circle of force" to heal someone and they get hit by a ball they are out.

King of the Pin

Focus: Movement, coordination, throwing, teamwork, accuracy and power.

Year groups: 1 - 6 (ages 5 - 11 years)





Further opportunities

Differentiation

Fasier:

- Reduce the playing area (easier to throw) Harder:
- Increase the playing area (harder to throw)
- Increase the distance between kingdoms

Equipment

Hoops Pins (or large cones) Soft dodgeballs

Setting Up

Each student has to set up their kingdom (hoop) in the playing area. Inside the kingdom, they must place their castle (pin).

Each student starts with a cannonball (soft dodgeball)

Description

Students have to throw their cannonball (soft dodgeball) and aim to knock over another kingdoms castle.

If the castle is successfully knocked over, the student must go and join the kingdom that knocked it over (joined hoops) -Students can move around the playing area to retrieve cannonballs.

If a kingdom knocks over a castle which is joined to another kingdom, then the knocked over kingom must move to the new kingdom.

The kingdom with the most castles is the winner.

Line Tag

Focus: Movement and coordination

Year groups: Reception - Year 5 (ages 4 - 11 years)







Further opportunities

Differentiation

Easier:

- Reduce taggers
- Allow cars to jump lines. Harder:
- Increase taggers

Variations:

- Change the movement activity
- Reversing (move backwards), Jumping, Hopping etc.
- Introduce equipment: Dribbling
- Football, Basketball, Hockey etc.

Equipment

Marked lines

Students Car

Setting Up

Select 1-3 taggers

Description

Students (Cars) move around along the marked lines (Roads) in the playing area.

Taggers (Police) wear blue bibs (pinnies) and have to chase the cars along the lines.

If a car is tagged by the police or the car falls off the roads, then they are caught and must sit down where they committed the crime.

Caught cars become a roadblock, preventing other cars from getting past (except Police who have special powers).

To be freed, another car must touch the roadblock on the head and this allows them back into the game.

Messy Bedrooms

Year groups: Reception - Year 6 (ages 4 - 11 years)





Equipment

20 tennis balls

Description

Split the hall/zone in half and split the children into 2 groups.

The aim of the game is to have the least number of balls on your side.

The children will roll all their tennis balls to the other side of the room, while the other team tries to pass them all back.

After a fixed amount of time, count the number of tennis balls on each side.

The side with the lowest number of tennis balls is the winner!

Varitation

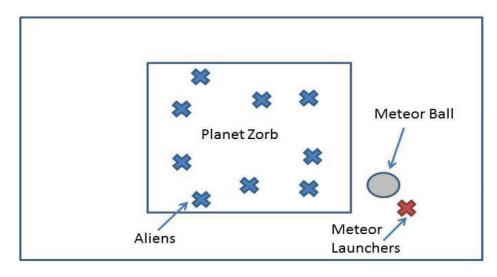
You can play a similar game using a variety of equipment, such as scrunched-up bibs, beanbags, softballs, and dodgeballs (any soft equipment that can be thrown). On 'go' the children throw the equipment across to the other side when 'stop' is signalled the team with the least equipment wins.

Meteor Ball

Focus: Co-ordination, throwing, dodging and movement.

Year groups: 2 - 6 (ages 6 - 11 years)





Further opportunities

Differentiation

Fasier:

- Make the square bigger (for aliens)
- Make the square smaller (for Meteor Ball throwers) Harder:
- Make the square smaller (for aliens)
- Make the square bigger (for Meteor Ball throwers)

Variations:

- Freeze! If a Meteor Ball Thrower throws a meteor ball to another Meteor Ball Thrower and they catch it, all of the aliens must freeze.
- Change it to a rolling activity.

Equipment

Large Yoga Balls or Large soft balls Cones/Spots

Setting Up

Create a large square marked with cones/spots (planet Zorb) for all of the aliens (students) to stand in.

Put two large meteor balls (large yoga balls / large soft balls) on the outside of the square.

Select 1 - 2 Meteor Ball Throwers.

Description

All aliens stand inside Planet Zorb (Large Square). Aliens are not allowed to leave the Planet.

Select one Meteor Ball Throwers to move around the edge of Planet Zorb. Meteor Ball Throwers can throw the meteors into Planet Zorb. Meteor Ball Throwers must throw the ball from the side of their bodies and twist and throw.

Overhead throws are not allowed.

If an alien gets hit by the meteor, they become a Meteor Ball Thrower.

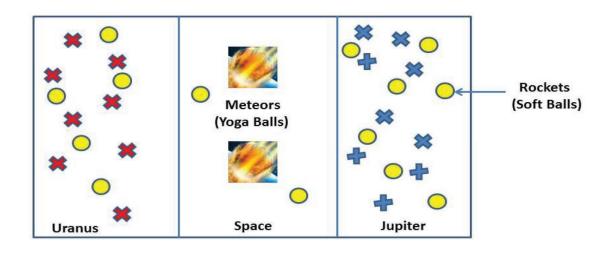
The game continues until all of the aliens have been caught.

Meteor Battle

Focus: Movement, coordination, throwing, teamwork, accuracy, power and communication.

Year groups: 1 - 6 (ages 5 - 11 years)





Further opportunities

Differentiation

Easier:

- Make the space zone smaller

Harder:

- Make the space zone larger
- Students use non-preferred throwing hand

Variations:

- Freeze! If a rocket is caught, the other team must freeze for 5 seconds.
- Change it to a rolling activity.

Equipment

Yoga Balls (Meteor)
Large Soft Balls (Rockets)

Setting Up

Create a playing area with a middle zone (Space)

Divide the students into 2 planets (let students choose the planet names)

Place a mixture of softballs on the floor in both planets

Description

Students aims to throw rockets at the meteors and move them into the other teams planet. If the meteor rolls into the other teams planet, a point is earned.

Students are only allowed in their planet zone and cannot enter into the space zone.

Every time the ball enters a planet, the teacher must rese it in the middle of the space zone.

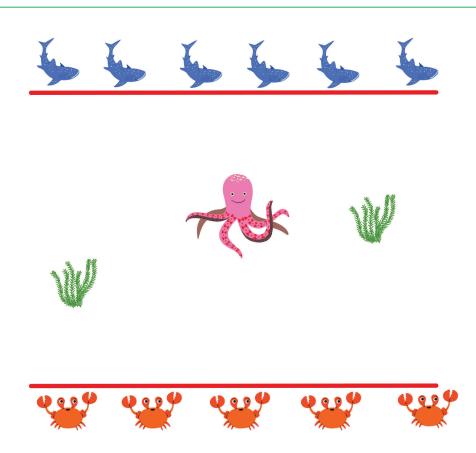
Players are not allowed to block the meteors with a ball or their bodies. A point is deducted if this occurs.

Octopus

Focus: To find pathways to dodge opponents

Year groups: Reception - Year 6 (ages 4 - 11 years)





Further opportunities

Make this task easier

For Octopus - Reduce size of playing area For Sharks/Crabs - Increase the size of the playing area For Sharks/Crabs - Octopus can only move in the middle area

Make this task more challenging

Add more Octopuses
Allow seaweed to move around on the floor to tag
Add Locomotor adaptations (Hopping, skipping, jumping etc.)

No Equipment!

Description

Choose an Octopus (Tagger) -They stand in the middle of the playing area

Octopus chooses 2 team names -For this example Sharks and Crabs

Sharks stand at one end of the playing area behind a line

Crabs stand at the opposite end of the playing area behind a line

The game starts when the Octopus shouts "Sharks" or "Crabs". When their team name is called they must run to the opposite line, trying not to get tagged

If they get tagged they become seaweed and sit on their bottoms or kneel. They are part of the tagging team and can tag when players run past. They are not allowed to move and stay seaweed until the end of the game

The Octopus can also shout "OCTOPUS!" Both teams must run at the same time

Questions to ask

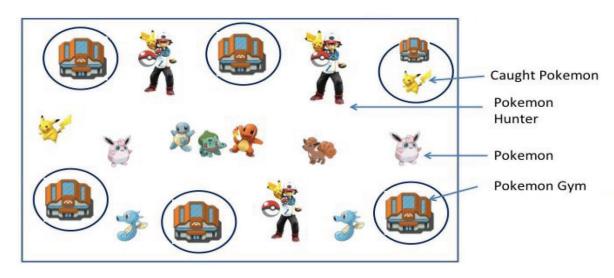
What can the octopus do to tag people? What pathways could you use? How can you avoid an Octopus or Seaweed?

Pokemon Tag

Focus: Gross motor skills, movement, tagging, fitness and coordination.

Year groups: Reception - Year 5 (ages 4 - 10 years)





Further opportunities

Differentiation

Fasier:

- Reduce taggers
- Reduce the number of fitness repetitions
- Reduce the difficulty of the fitness activity

Harder:

- Increase taggers
- Increase the number of fitness repetitions
- Increase the difficulty of the fitness activity

Variations:

- Change the fitness activity in the Pokemon (Sit ups, press ups, squats, mountain climbers, plank etc)
- Have specific fitness activities in each qym (hoop).
- Partner freedom: Another pokemon must save them by completing the fitness activity with them.

Equipment

Hoops Soft Dodgeballs

Setting Up

Place hoops (Pokemon Gyms) around the playing area. Select 1-3 taggers (Pokemon Hunters)

Description

Pokemon Hunters (Taggers) aim to tag all of the pokemon (students) by throwing Pokeballs (soft dodgeballs) at them. If a student is caught, they must go to a Pokemon Gym (hoop).

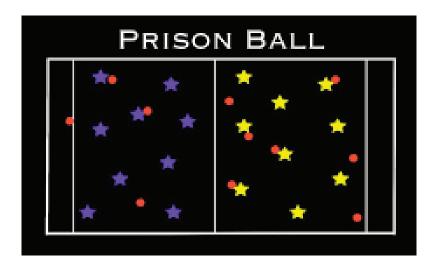
Pokemon Hunters must throw the balls at Pokemon below their shoulders to catch them.

To be freed, Pokemon (students) must complete a specific fitness activity (I.e 10 star jumps) in the Pokemon Gym (Hoop).

Prison Ball

Year groups: 2 - 6 (ages 6 - 11 years)





Variation

This game can be played with benches on either side of the area as opposed to prison zones. This means players would need to stand on the bench when captured by the opposite team and then catch a ball from a teammate's pass without stepping off the bench. At this point the player on the bench would have to throw the ball at an opposition player to set themselves free and re-join their team on the other side.

To make the game easier, players on the bench can crouch/bend down and pick up a ball off the floor as long as their feet don't come off the bench.

Equipment

Soft Dodgeballs

Description

Prison ball is a dodgeball-type game where 2 teams face-off against each other.

Along the ends of the gym, behind each team is a prison area. Whenever a player gets hit, he or she must head to prison behind the opposite team on that end.

They are stuck there until they can throw a ball and successfully hit someone while they're in prison — and then they can return home to their team, while the player they hit must then go to prison!

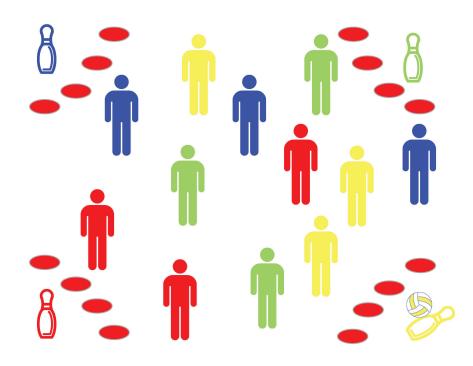
Very interesting type of dodgeball game where players must be aware of their complete surroundings, front, back, sides.

Balls flying from all over the place makes it challenging and lots of fun!

Protect The Kingdom

Focus: To create a team strategy. **Year groups:** 1 - 6 (ages 5 - 11 years)





Further opportunities

Make this task easier

Reduce the size of the playing area Increase the size of the ball. Use larger pins.

Make this task more challenging

Increase the size of the playing area.
Reduce the size of the ball.
Everyone in the team must touch the ball before shooting.

Equipment

Spots, pins, bibs/pinnies and 1 ball.

Description

Divide the group into 4 equal teams.

Choose 4 coloured teams. Give each team a colour.

Each team has to protect their coloured pin.

No one is allowed in the spot marked sections/corners.

Any body part in any marked zone gives your team a warning. 2 warnings = 1 point.

The aim is to knock over other teams' pins.

Each time your pin is knocked down by another

team = 1 point. No moving with the ball (only pivoting).

The team with the lowest number of points wins.

Questions to ask

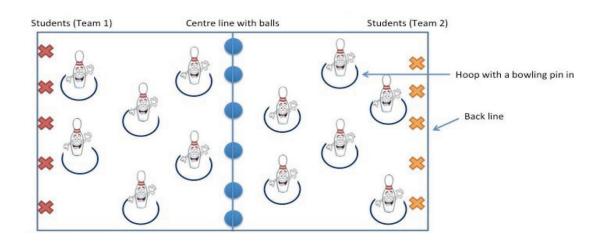
What is a team strategy?
Why do you need a team strategy in this game?
How successful was your team strategy?

Protect The Pin

Focus: Movement, coordination, throwing, teamwork, accuracy and power.

Year groups: Reception - Year 6 (ages 4 - 11 years)





Further opportunities

Play 4 team protect the pin by dividing the court into 4 sections.

Include a secret button 9 (target on the wall) which saves all of the teams pins.

Differentiation

Easier:

Reduce throwing distance by putting pins closer to the centre line.

Increase the size of the targets (pins to larger cones)

Harder:

Increase the throwing distance by putting pins further from the centre line.
Reduce the size of the targets.

Equipment

Hoops - Bowling Pins (or large cones) - Soft dodgeballs

Setting up

Divide the playing area into 2 with a centre line of cones/spots.

Choose a number of targets for each team and layout that number of hoops in each team's court.

Put a bowling pin in each hoop.

Place a number of soft dodgeballs (4-6) on the centre line.

Description

Aim: To knock over all of the other teams pins and to protect your teams pins.

Divide the group into two teams.

Each team must start touching the back line/wall.

On "GO" students run in and collect the balls and can start throwing at the other teams pins.

If a pin is knocked over by a ball or a student runs into the pin, it is out of the game.

Students may protect their teams pins by blocking the balls with any parts of their bodies or catching them.

Students are NOT out if they get hit with a ball.

Penalty time (20-30 seconds) outs are awarded if: -

A player crosses the centre line.

A player steps into the hoop to protect the pin.

A player holds more than 1 ball.

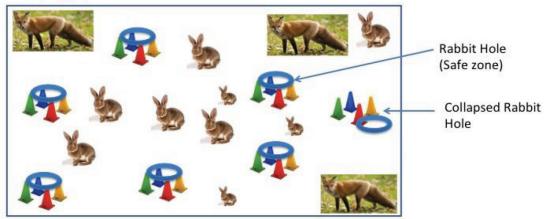
Rabbit Hole

Focus: Movement, balance, teamwork, control and agility

Year groups: Reception - Year 6 (ages 4 - 11 years)



Fox (Tagger)



Equipment

Hoops - Cones / Large Cones

Further opportunities

Differentiation

Easier:

- Increase number of Rabbit Holes
- Reduce number of foxes
- Allow rabbits to rebuild collapsed Holes

Harder:

- Reduce number of Rabbit Holes
- Increase number of foxes
- Set time limit in the Rabbit Holes
- Increase the height of the Rabbit Holes by using larger holding cones.

Variations

- Rabbits bounce and Foxes move on hands and feet.
- If a rabbit gets caught, they become a fox.

Setting Up

The teacher or students can set this up.

Rabbit Holes are set up around the playing area.

Each rabbit hole should consist of 4 cones and 1 hoop. The hoop is placed flat on the 4 cones to create a 'Rabbit Hole'.

Suggested: 6-10 Rabbit Holes

Description

Select 2-4 students to be foxes (catchers). All other students are rabbits.

Rabbits and foxes move around by running (see variations for alternative).

Rabbits may use the 'Rabbit Holes' as a safe zone. Foxes are not allowed in them.

If a rabbit is tagged they become a 'Bouncing Bunny' and must hop around on hands and feet. To get freed another bunny must crawl under their body.

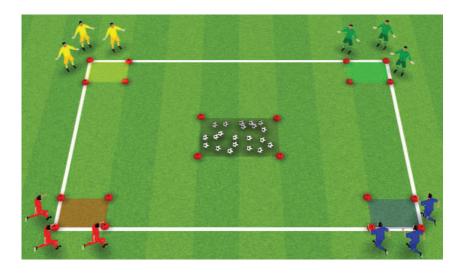
If rabbits knock over the cone off the holding cones then the 'Rabbit Hole' has collapsed and can no longer be used.

If there is no movement and all rabbits are hiding add in a new rule: Evacuate! All rabbits must leave their hole.

Robin Hood

Year groups: 1 - 6 (ages 5 - 11 years)





Progression

Repeat using a variety of balls e.g., basketballs (bounce back), tennis balls (throw and catch back), footballs (dribble back).

Cross-curricular learning - Each type of ball can be worth a different number of points (based on how difficult they are to bring back to base).

You can then ask children to count their points at the end (developing numeracy skills).

Equipment

Balls - Cones - Hoops

Setting Up

Create area 10m x10m

Description

Each team runs to the middle and dribbles a ball back to their team box.

Only one team member can enter the box at a time and take one ball from centre at time.

They high 5 their teammate who can then go and get a ball.

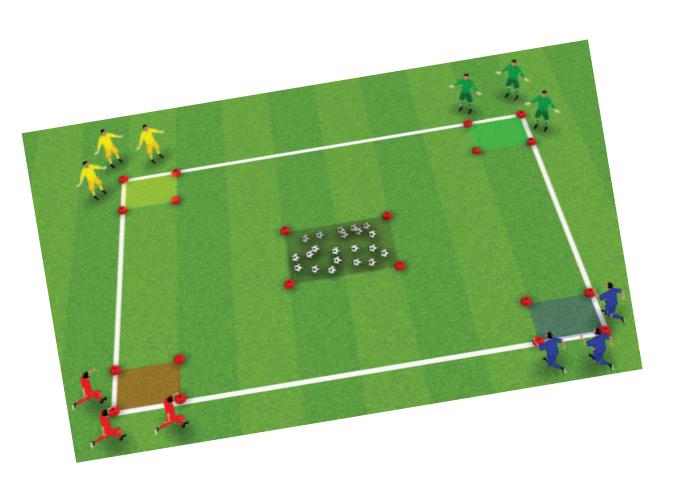
Once all balls from centre gone, the coach shouts 'robin hood' and then children can steal from other bases.

Run 2 minutes and the winning team is the team with the highest number of balls.

Scavenger Hunt

Year groups: Reception - Year 6 (ages 4 - 11 years)





Description

You can do a scavenger hunt in a couple of ways.

The most crucial piece of the scavenger hunt is a list of items that participants need to find. This can be a generic list, but creating a custom inventory specific to your camp or group of children can make it a bit more fun.

You can choose to do the hunt as individuals or as teams. If you have a little one in your group who may need help, having them partner with an older/responsible child is best.

This can help ensure everyone finds the items during the hunt and has a fun time.

There's some flexibility regarding scoring and declaring a winner. You can set a time limit and see who can find the most items or the first to finish the list.

Another popular method is to award varying points for each item on the list. The easier-to-find things get the least points, and the hard-to-find items earn the most points.

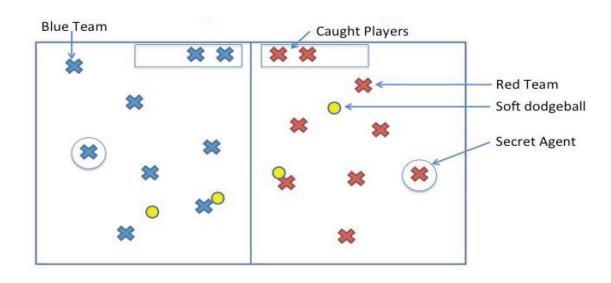
Whoever scores the highest points is the winner!

Secret Agent Dodgeball

Focus: Movement, agility, coordination, throwing, dodging, catching, teamwork and communication.

Year groups: 2 - 6 (ages 6 - 11 years)





Further opportunities

Differentiation

Easier

- Increase the number of secret agents Harder
- Only allow 1 secret agent to save.

Variations:

- Add in a target on the wall. If the target is hit by a team they save the whole team.

Equipment

Soft Dodgeballs - Bibs (2 colours) - Spots/Cones

Setting Up

Place a middle line of cones or spots through the playing area. Place soft dodgeballs down the middle line. Suggested 2-5 balls. Divide the students into 2 equal teams.

All players must start touching the end blue line or wall. Select a 'Secret Agent' for each team - Make sure the other team don't know.

Description

Each team is aiming to catch all of the opposing team by throwing soft dodgeballs at them below the shoulders. Students must not cross the middle line, unless they have been caught.

Caught players must sit on the side on a bench or against a wall. There are 2 ways to get freed:

- 1. The secret agent must safely give them a high 5.
- 2. Another student can catch a ball and can choose to save 1 person.

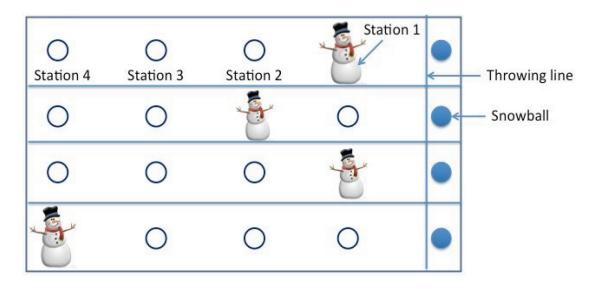
If the Secret Agent gets caught, they are out. The team with the most players left in the game at the end of the time is the winning team.

Snowman Target

Focus: Coordination, throwing and accuracy

Year groups: Reception - Year 6 (ages 4 - 11 years)





Further opportunities

Differentiation

Easier:

Reduce the throwing distance. Increase the size of the target.

Harder:

Increase the throwing distance Reduce the size of the target

Variations

Throw using different throwing techniques.

Step 1: 1 hand underarm Step 2: 2 hand underarm

Step 3: 1 hand overarm

Step 4: 2 hand overarm

Kick the snowballs at the snowman Work with a partner or team.

Competitive races

(individually or in small teams).

Equipment

Tall Cones - Bodies

Large Ball - Heads

Flat Cones - Hats

Cones/Spots - To mark out each progression level.

Balls - Snowballs

Setting Up

Mark a throwing line / starting line Place a spot at station 1, 2, 3 and 4.

Students are given a tall cone, large ball and flat cone to build their snowman on the station 1 spot.

Give each student a snowball (ball)

Once students have build their snowman at station 1,
they must stand at the throwing line / starting line.

Description

Students throw the snowball from the throwing line / starting line and aim to knock down the snowman at the first station.

Once a student's snowman has been knocked down, they must run and collect the snowman and build it at station 2.

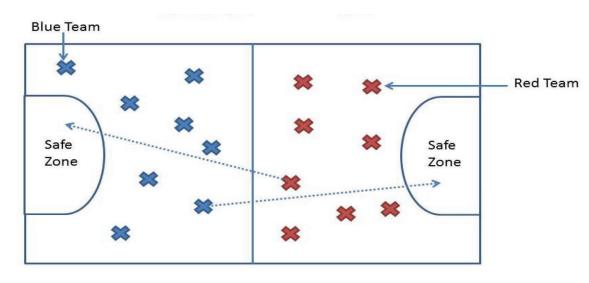
This is repeated until they have knocked over the snowman on each station. Students can set further stations once they have finished.

Strategicki

Focus: Movement, agility, speed, strategy and teamwork.

Year groups: 1 - 6 (ages 5 - 11 years)





Equipment

Two sets of coloured bibs Spots/Cones to mark out playing area.

Further opportunities

Differentiation

Fasier:

- Increase playing area Harder:
- Reduce playing area

Variations

- Strategicki Ball Steel. Players retrieve balls from the other teams Safe Zone, with the same rules applied. The team who capture all of the other teams balls is the winning team.

Setting Up

Divide the playing area into two by having a line of cones/spots down the middle.

Create a safe zone (square or semi circle) in each half of the playing area.

Divide the students into two equal teams and get them to wear coloured bibs.

Description

Team 1 have to try and get to team 2's Safe Zone without getting caught. Team 2 have to try and get to team 1's Safe Zone without getting caught.

If a player gets caught/tagged in the other teams zone, they have to sit down where they were tagged.

To get freed, a team player must run to them and touch their hand and walk them back to their team's zone. When walking back, they cannot get tagged.

Students who have made it to the opposing team's free zone are allowed to leave if they want to free caught players.

The team with all (or the highest number) of players in the other team's end zone at the end wins.

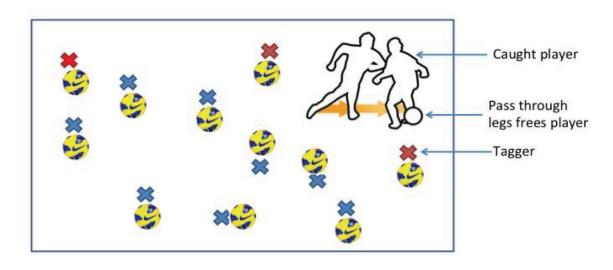
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Stuck in the mud football

Focus: Movement, coordination, teamwork and football dribbling

Year groups: Reception - Year 5 (ages 4 - 10 years)





Further opportunities

Differentiation

Easier:

- Reduce taggers.
- Increase playing area

Harder:

- Increase taggers.
- Reduce playing area
- Remove taggers balls

Variations:

- No balls for taggers. Just tagging
- Pass and return pass to get freed.

Equipment

Coloured bibs
Footballs (one for each participant)

Setting Up

Mark out a playing area Select 1-3 taggers Give each player a football.

Description

Taggers and Normal Players both dribble footballs within the playing area.

Taggers aim to tag the other players. They can only tag if they have the ball under control

Tagged players pick up the ball, hold it above their head and spread their legs (shoulder width apart).

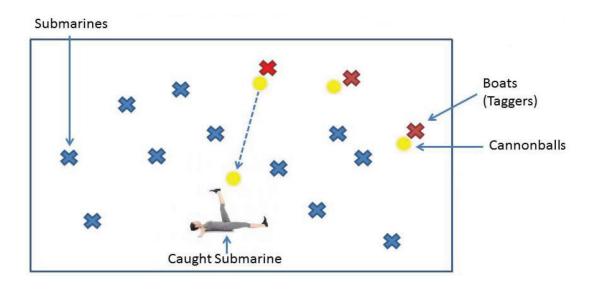
A player can also be caught by losing control of their ball out of the playing area.

To be freed, another player must pass the ball through their legs.

Submarine Tag

Focus Movement, coordination, overarm throw, dodging and teamwork **Year groups:** 1 - 6 (ages 5 - 11 years)





Further opportunities

Differentiation

Fasier:

- Increase the size of playing area
- Reduce the number of taggers (boats)

Harder:

- Reduce the size of the playing area
- Increase the number of taggers (boats)
- Throw with non-preferred throwing hand

Variations:

- Team submarine tag: Have teams against each other with one cannonball between the team. They must work together to sink other teams.

Equipment

Soft Dodgeballs

Setting Up

Mark out a playing area.

Select 1-3 students to be catchers (Boats) and give them a soft dodgeball.

Description

Boats (taggers) have to chase and throw their cannonballs at the submarines (other students).

If a submarine is hit (below the shoulders), the must sink to the floor (on their back) and raise one foot (the periscope) pointing towards to the ceiling.

To get freed another submarine must push down the periscope (leg) of the caught submarine.

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Superhero Tag

Focus: Movement, coordination, throwing, catching and teamwork.

Year groups: Reception - Year 6 (ages 4 - 11 years)





Further opportunities

Differentiation

Easier:

- Reduce evil villain taggers
- Increase number of superheroes

Harder:

- Increase evil villain taggers
- Increase throwing distance
- Reduce number of superheroes

Variations:

- Superheroes can be caught!
- Remove the red villain balls and evil villains just have to tag.

Equipment

Different coloured soft balls:

- Red Villain Balls - Blue Superhero Balls

Setting Up

1-3 Evil Villains (taggers) are selected and given evil villain red balls.

1-3 Superheroes are selected and are given a blue superhero.

Description

Evil villain taggers move around the playing area and their aim is to throw evil villain red balls at students below the shoulders.

When students are hit, they are caught and must freeze with their hands in the catching position.

To get freed, superheroes must throw blue superhero ball to them and then they must be thrown the ball back. If the ball is dropped, it must be repeated.

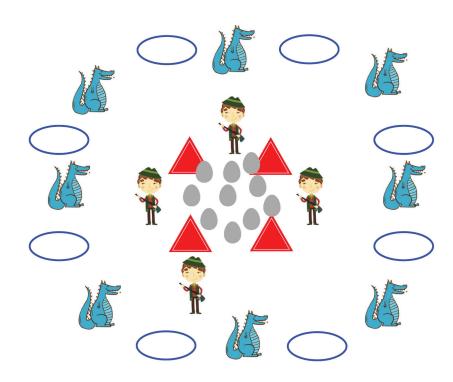
Superheroes can be no closer than 2 giant steps from the person they are saving.

Superheroes cannot get caught.

The Dragon Nest

Focus: To create a strategy to improve performance. **Year groups:** Reception - Year 6 (ages 4 - 11 years)





Further opportunities

Make this task easier

Increase the size of the playing area. Reduce the number of Egg Hunters. Make multiple Main Nests.

Make this task more challenging

Reduce the playing area. Increase the number of Egg Hunters. Every time a dragon is tagged they do 10x chosen exercise.

Equipment

Bean bags/small bags (Dragon Eggs)
Tall cones (4)
Bibs/Pinnies (Dragon Tails)
Hoops (6-8)

Description

Create a giant square in the middle of the playing area as the Dragon Nest. Fill it with bean bags or balls (Dragon Eggs)

Around the outside have a number of safe nests (Hoops).

Dragons have a tail (bib/pinnie) each tucked into their shorts.

Choose 2-5 Egg Hunters (depending on size of the group).

Egg Hunters aim to protect the nest. They can tag by taking dragon tails.

Dragons return to a safe nest when caught and put their tail back in.

Dragons can take 1 egg at a time and return them to safe nests.

Dragons cannot get tagged in the main nest or safe nests.

At the end of the time limit count the eggs rescued. Change Egg Hunters.

Questions to ask

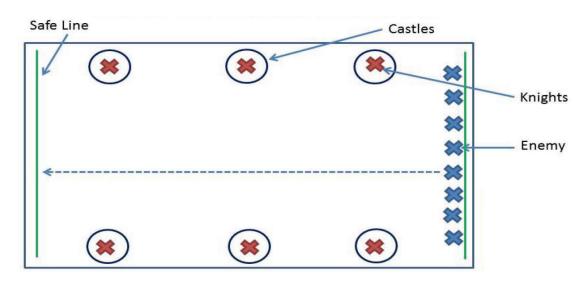
What is a strategy?
Why do you need a strategy?
How can you work together to create a strategy?

The Gauntlet Run

Focus Movement, coordination, overarm throw, dodging and speed.

Year groups: 1 - 6 (ages 5 - 11 years)





Further opportunities

Differentiation

Fasier

- Move the castles closer to the middle.

Harder

- Move the castles further away from the middle
- Throw with non-preferred throwing arm.

Variations:

- Allow students to move the positions of the castle.
- Have the castles as teams. They can also try to hit knights in other castles.

Equipment

Hoops Soft Dodgeballs

Setting Up

Place 6 hoops (castles) around the edge of the playing area. Place a cannonball (soft dodgeball in each castle)

Description

6 (or however many castles you choose) students are chosen as knights to protect their castles and kingdoms and stand inside the hoops (castles) with their cannonballs.

They are to throw their cannonballs at anyone that tries to invade their land. Knights can only throw in the castle (inside the hoops). They are allowed to leave the castle to retrieve the cannonballs.

The enemy (students) have to try and make it through the kingdom without getting hit by a cannonball (below the shoulders). Once they make it to the other side, they are safe.

If the students are caught, they join the castle which hit them and become a knight for that castle.

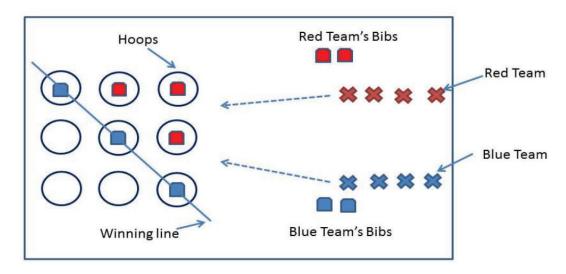
The game is repeated until all of the enemy are caught.

Tic-Tac-Toe / Naughts and Crosses

Focus: Speed, thinking, teamwork, cooperation, problem solving and fun

Year groups: 2 - 6 (ages 6 - 11 years)





Further opportunities

Differentiation

Fasier:

- Reduce the running distance

Harder:

- Increase the running distance
- Add in a pre-task before taking the bib/pinnie (For example 3 catches with a ball) or hop/skip/jump to the square.
- Increase the size of square (4 x 4, 5 x 5 etc)

Differentiation

- Set up lots of pitches and make it into a tournament
- Dribble a soccer/football whilst carrying the bib/pinnie
- Dribble a basketball whilst carrying the bib/pinnie
- Dribble a hockey ball whilst carrying the bib/pinnie
- Use wheelers/scooters
- Create rules (for example a ball must be thrown around the circle before the bib/pinnie can be taken)

Equipment

Hoops Bibs / Pinnies

Setting Up

Create a 3 x 3 square made up of hoops.

Divide children into 2 equal teams.

Put a pile of 5 coloured bibs at the start of each line.

Description

Each team has to try and create a line of 3 bibs in the tic-tac-toe square (Diagonally, horizontally or vertically.)

One student at a time must run with the bib/pinnie and place it in a hoop. Once they have done this they must return to their line and give the next person a high five.

The next person in the line goes until a team has a straight line of 3.

If the hoops are filled but neither team has won, players may continue to swap positions of their bib/pinnie.

If no team wins, the game is reset.

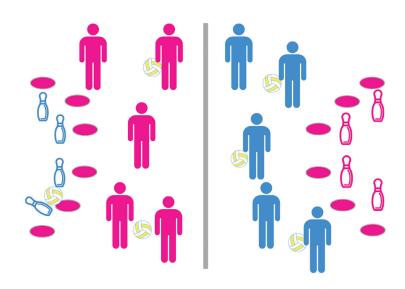
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Tower Rush

Focus: To take risks and improve accuracy.

Year groups: 2 - 6 (ages 6 - 11 years)





Further opportunities

Differentiation

Fasier:

- Increase the size of the balls
- Increase the size of the towers
- Add safe zones.

Harder

- Reduce the size of the balls.
- Reduce the size of the towers.
- Players throw with weaker hand or kick with feet.

Questions to ask

Why do you need to be accurate in this game? Why is it important to take risks in this game?

Equipment

Spots, pins (alternative tall cones), bibs/pinnies and soft balls.

Description

Divide the playing area and group into 2.

Each team has to protect the Towers (pins) in their

kingdom (Semi-circle) No one is allowed in the kingdoms (Semi-circle).

The aim is to knock down the other teams towers with balls. Players can only throw when they are in the oppositions zone.

Players are allowed to run into the other teams zone.

If a player gets tagged with a hand in the other teams zone they are caught and must sit down where they were tagged. No ball tagging.

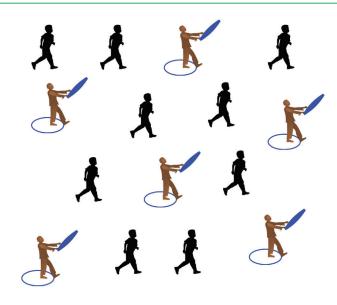
To get saved 1 of your players must run and hold your hand. Only 1 player can get saved at a time. Both players must walk back to their zone. They cannot be tagged whilst walking back.

The first team to knock down all of the towers or the most in the given time wins.

Zombie Tag - Infection

Focus To coordinate the body in an unusual way for tagging. **Year groups:** Reception - Year 6 (ages 4 - 11 years)





Further opportunities

Differentiation

Easier:

For Zombies - Increase the size of the pool noodle For Zombies - Reduce the size of the playing area

For Humans - Opposite to the above

Harder

For Zombies - Reduce the size of the pool noodle For Zombies - Increase the size of the playing area

For Humans - Opposite to the above

Questions to ask

What ways can the zombies move? What are the safe ways to tag? How can you avoid a Zombie?

Equipment

Hoops Pool Noodles Soft Balls Halloween music or Zombie noises

Description

Select a small number of Zombies. Give each zombie a hoop & pool noodle Other students are the "humans"

Have spare hoops & noodles on the side of the playing area

Zombies move by keeping 1 foot in the hoop at all times and they use the pool noodle to tag "humans"

If a "human" is tagged they become infected and join the Zombie team by collecting a hoop & noodle from the side

The game continues until all humans have been infected.

Extension: Allow "Humans" to heal Zombies by throwing a soft ball at the Zombie.

Only have 1 "Healing" ball to start with.



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