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ROGRESSION OF KEY SKILLS

Tennis

Early Years

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- Throw and catch to self with a soft ball and to bounce catch to self
- Balance an object e.g. beanbag on racket
- Hand eye co-ordination passing ball to a partner
- Move the ball on floor with hand in a variety of ways
- Push ball with throw down strips to develop hand eye co-ordination

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Year 1

- Throwing and catching a small, ball improving control- bounce catch to self/ partner
- Balance a ball on racket
- Hand eye co-ordination -tap ups (using a racket) watching the ball, knees bent
- Racket familiarisation- moving ball with racket in forehand/backhand position
- Introduce modified games - eg hand tennis
- Small-sided adapted games. Begin to develop tactics in the adapted games

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Year 2

- Throw and catch from one hand to the other and bounce catch into a target with a partner
- Balance a ball on racket with control
- Increasing the control tapping ball to a partner (who is catching the ball)
- Racket familiarisation- moving ball with racket in forehand and backhand position whilst moving
- Play a modified game
- Develop tactics for beating an opponent

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Year 3

- Move body position to catch a ball
- Control a ball on racket when moving - varying speed
- Hit a ball into a target (with one bounce)
- Hit ball across the floor with forehand/backhand position
- Play a modified game using skills e.g forehand
- Adapted games, with variations of rules, begin to apply some basic principles

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Year 4

- Move with balance and control to catch a ball
- Hit/bounce ball on racket when moving
- Hit a ball into a target from a variety of distances/ angles with no bounce
- Hit ball in forehand/ backhand position with drop feed
- Play a game communicating as a team
- Play adapted games, Children encouraged to think of tactics

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Year 5

- Move to hit a ball with some control
- Hit/ bounce a ball with control when moving at different speeds
- Serve diagonally with underarm/overarm throwing into target/game. Begin to use with racket to serve into a target
- Moving into position to hit a ball with forehand/ backhand in skills practice and game
- Communicate and collaborate as a pair to beat opponents
- Developing tactics e.g working as a team, supporting each other, communicating

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Year 6

- Move in a variety of directions (using footwork) when hitting a ball
- Hit/bounce ball to a partner with control
- Serve diagonally under/overarm in a game of mini tennis
- Keep on toes using quick feet to hit a ball in game in forehand/ backhand position
- Use techniques learned and apply in a game situation.
- In Pairs, discuss tactics of attacking and defending in tennis (communicate and collaborate)

