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PROGRESSION OF KEY SKILLS

Tag Rugby

Early Years

EY

- Follow a partner to steal their bib – introducing tag games
- Move with different objects in their hands
- Passing an object to another child
- Trying to get around a static player in a coned area
- Scoring points with beanbag treasure in a simple hoop invasion game
- Fun game getting past the fish (defender) in a small area. Fish (defender) trying to get the tails

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Year 1

- Play a simple game of tag and begin to call 'tag' when taking a bib or belt
- Hold the ball with two hands
- Hand over the Rugby ball sideways
- Attempt to get past a defender 1v1
- Scoring a try in a modified drill using correct technique– using 2 hands to place ball down
- Small-sided adapted games. Begin to develop tactics for attacking and defending

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Year 2

- Tag a player when facing your partner – raise hand and call "Tag"
- Move with the ball, holding it with hands– chest height
- Pass the ball sideways– with smile technique
- Dodge around a defender in a small area
- Scoring a try in an adapted game– focus placing ball down with 2 hands and staying on feet
- Small-sided games using various types of equipment. Develop tactics for attacking and defending

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Year 3

- Tag another player, face on and keeping body position low to the ground
- Move with a ball in their hands using correct position
- Pass the ball backwards and sideways in isolation
- Move into a space to avoid a defender, through dodging techniques
- Beat a defender to score a try in various scoring zones
- Adapted games, with variations of rules, begin to apply some basic principles for attacking & defending

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Year 4

- Play a tag game whilst moving at speed, keeping close to an opponent
- Move with control in a variety of directions holding the ball in the correct position
- Pass the ball backwards/ sideways with control whilst moving
- Use speed and space to avoid a passive defender
- Beat a defender at speed to score a try in an isolated game situation
- Play adapted games, Children encouraged to think of tactics when attacking and defending

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Year 5

- Tag more than one player using either hand whilst moving
- Choose different pathways to move with a ball in hands against an opponent
- Pass the ball and move (loop around a teammate)
- Introduce looping around your teammate– to try and trick an opponent
- Working as a team to score a try– supporting runs in practice
- Developing tactics for attacking e.g working as a team, supporting each other
- In teams discuss tactics of attacking e.g diagonal line when attacking
- In a team, discuss tactics of defending e.g make a wall or flat line as a team when defending

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Year 6

- Tag a player using either hand when moving at full speed in a game situation
- Dodge around a defender at speed with a ball in hands avoiding being tagged
- Bring in pass and loop into a game situation
- Looping around your teammate– to try and trick an opponent in game situation
- Working together as a team to score a try in a tag rugby game, e.g supporting diagonal runs
- Use techniques learned and apply in a game situation. Apply basic principles for attacking and defending
- In a team, discuss tactics of attacking and defending (communicate and collaborate)

