3. To be able to use large and small physical equipment confidently, demonstrating skill and safety

Milestone 3.1

Makes connections between their own movements and that of an object

Milestone 3.2

Use large and small motor movements to do things independently

Milestone 3.3

The child understands the size and movement of his own body in relation to external objects and space

Milestone 3.4

Accesses a range of large and small equipment (balls, stilts, bikes, climbing frame) with increasing skill

Possible sequence of learning:

- Holds adults' hands when accessing equipment i.e. climbing equipment
- Runs on whole foot Walks into a large ball
- Throws small ball overhand without falling
- Squats with complete steadiness to rest or play with objects on the ground and rises to feet without using hands.
- Pushes and pulls large wheeled toys easily forward, backwards and is able to start and stop
- Sits on wheeled toys unaided
- Throw a ball stiffly at body level
- Kicks large ball
- Pushes and pulls toys skilfully but may have difficulty steering
- Aware of the need for safety with adults' support, i.e. wearing a helmet when riding a wheeled toy
- Tolerates waiting with adult support
- Becomes more confident at steering, shows an awareness of objects around them
- Climbs nursery equipment with agility
- Jumps from a bottom step
- Understands stop & go, fast & slow
- Can stand and walk on tip toe
- Balances on one foot to climb on to the trike
- Sits on small tricycle but cannot use pedals
- Can catch a large ball
- Develops more control through starting/stopping, not crashing into things
- Shows confidence in attempting new challenge, pushing pedals of a trike
- Runs with control and changes direction to avoid obstacles
- Pedals a tricycle
- Can throw a ball in the desired direction
- Kicks a ball with intent and force
- Can use a bat to hit a ball
- Steers safely in desired direction and negotiates space

| • | Walks | (or i | runs) | alone up | and | down | stairs |
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- Walk across balancing beams independently
- Can run on tip toe
- Uses core strength, balance and co-ordination to use large and small physical equipment
- Uses and understands directional language
- Sits on the balance bike, feet on the ground
- Can sit with knees crossed
- Stands on one foot for a few seconds
- Can hop on preferred foot
- Uses feet to propel bike to go in desired direction, picking up speed
- Shares and takes turns using a timer independently
- Rides with confidence, being able to slow down and stop safely

Final Milestone

The child shows control and co-ordination in using large and small physical equipment. They move confidently in a range of ways, safely negotiating space.