

Year 6 Basketball Autumn				
Crucial Knowledge & Skills		Key Concepts		Other Key Vocabulary
❖ Children can dribble the ball with control, using both hands ❖ Changing speed and direction with awareness of space and defenders. ❖ Children can perform accurate passes (e.g. chest, bounce, overhead) and make effective passing decisions under pressure. ❖ Children can receive the ball in motion and use pivoting to protect possession. ❖ Children understand how to create space through movement, screening, and off-the-ball positioning. ❖ Children can apply defensive principles, including marking, jockeying, and interceptions, to stop the opposition. ❖ Children are beginning to use attacking strategies, such as fast breaks, give-and-go, and spacing. ❖ Children work effectively in small-sided games, showing teamwork, leadership, and strategic thinking. ❖ Children can evaluate, reflect on, and adapt their performance, giving constructive feedback to others.		Control and Possession Children can keep control of the ball while dribbling, passing, and receiving under pressure from defenders.	Attacking and Defending Strategies Children begin to apply tactical concepts like spacing, screening, and pressure defence within a team context.	Decision-Making and Communication Children make informed choices during gameplay and communicate clearly to support effective teamwork.
		Important Techniques & Terms		• Turnover – When possession of the ball changes to the opposing team. • Spacing – Creating enough room between players to spread the defence. • Lay-up – A close-range shot taken while moving toward the basket. • Transition – Moving quickly between defence and attack. • Triple Threat Position – A stance where the player can dribble, pass, or shoot. • Possession – Who has control of the ball during play. • Tactics – Planned strategies used during gameplay. • Team Roles – Understanding different responsibilities such as point guard or centre.
		Dribbling Use fingertips, bounce at waist height, head up, change direction and speed	Chest Pass Step into the pass, push from chest, thumbs down on release	
		Bounce Pass Aim two-thirds of the way, low and controlled bounce	Overhead Pass Two hands, ball behind head, step and flick wrists forward	
		Receiving Hands ready, move towards ball, soft catch, pivot if needed	Pivoting Keep one foot still, turn to change direction while protecting ball	

