Throw & Catch

Monkey Madness

5 minutes

Large Soft Ball

Instructions

This can be used as a whole class activity and does require space. Ask your pupils to make a circle, with the teacher in the middle. The teacher then asks specific questions related to an appropriate topic. They then throw the ball to who they want to answer the question. Can be a great way to evaluate pupils understanding of a topic previously covered.

Health & Safety

- Ensure floors are clear of trip hazards
- Ensure pupils leave stationary on the table
- Remind pupils of their own spatial awareness
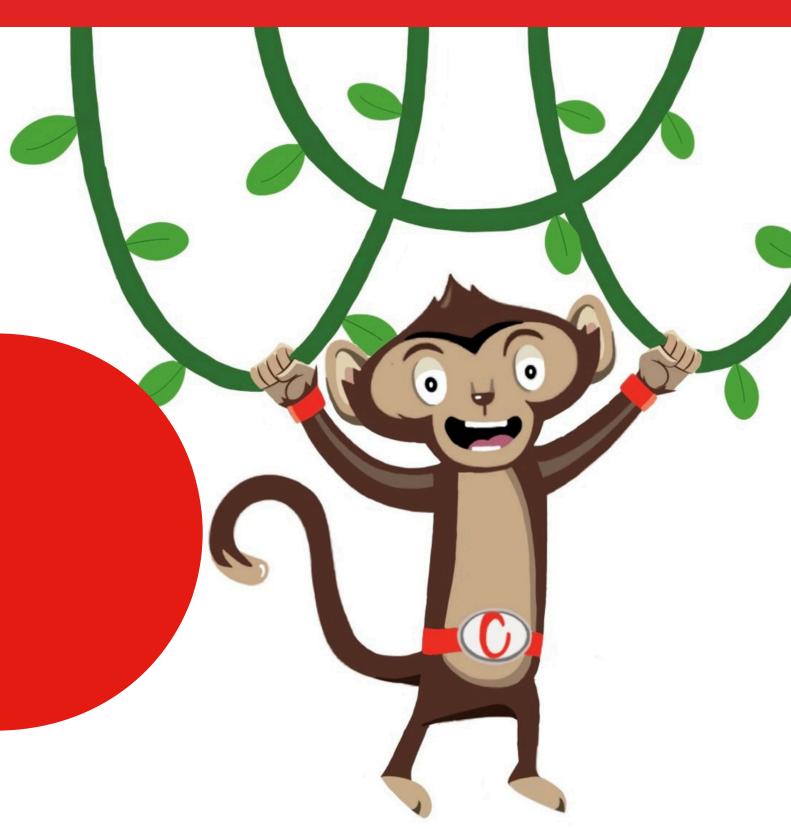- Give clear instructions

Teacher Tips

This activity is suited to all ages. See activity sheet for more information.

Foundation: Topics can include counting (and improving throw and catch skills)

Key Stage 1: Topics can include numeracy such as multiplication, language and literacy and the world around us and personal development.

Key Stage 2: Topics can include numeracy such as multiplication, language and literacy and the world around us and personal development. A smaller ball could also increase this challenge.

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Ask your pupils to stand in a circle around the classroom and place yourself in the middle. Think of a topic where you can ask your pupils different questions and choosing who answers by throwing the ball for them to catch.

Foundation Example:

This could be a great way of practicing throwing and catching skills, while also practicing counting or incorporating the alphabet too.

Key Stage 1 Example:

This could be a great way of practicing times tables, particularly when pupils don't know who is next. Literacy can also be practiced here, eg words that rhyme with "cat".

Key Stage 2 Example:

This could be a great way of practicing 7 - 12 times tables. Questions about different 3D shapes, literacy such as "Give me an example of a verb, noun, adjectives". To increase the challenge you can also use a smaller ball, to enhance pupils co-ordination.

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