

About this Unit

Athletics is the name for a group of physical events that test running, jumping and throwing. In this unit you will use different styles of running, jumping and throwing to try to achieve your best possible time, distance or height. You will need to persevere to achieve your personal best.



Official Athletic Events

Running
Sprinting
100m, 200m, 400m
Hurdles
Relay
Middle Distance
800m, 1500m
Long Distance
5,000, 10,000
Steeplechase

Jumping
Long jump
Jump for distance
Triple jump
Jump for distance
High jump
Jump for height
Pole vault
Jump for height

Throwing
Discus
Fling throw
Shot
Push throw
Hammer
Fling throw
Javelin
Pull throw

Have you seen any of these events before?



Key Vocabulary

- accuracy:** how close the object is to the given target
baton: equipment used in a relay event
control: being able to perform a skill with good technique
event: the name of different athletic activities
further: a greater distance
personal best: a target outcome of an individual
power: speed and strength combined
relay: a team of runners take turns to move the baton from start to finish
speed: how fast you are travelling
strength: the amount of force your body can use
technique: the action used correctly



Ladder Knowledge



Running:

Leaning slightly forwards helps to increase speed. Leaning your body in the opposite direction to travel helps to slow down.

Jumping:

If you jump and land quickly it will help you to jump further.

Throwing:

The speed of the movement helps to create power. So, moving from slow to fast will help you to throw further.

Movement Skills

- sprint
- jump for distance
- push throw
- pull throw

This unit will also help you to develop other important skills.

Social collaboration, work safely

Emotional determination, perseverance

Thinking observe and provide feedback, comprehension, explore technique

Rules

JUMPING EVENTS

- Performers must take off before the line.
- Jumps are measured from the take-off line to the body part closest to the take-off line that touches the ground.

THROWING EVENTS

- Throws must be taken from behind a throw line.
- Throws are measured from the throw line to where the object first lands.

Healthy Participation



In throwing activities ensure you:
 • wait for instruction and check the area is clear before throwing.
 • there is adequate space between throwers.

If you enjoy this unit why not see if there is an athletics club in your local area.



How will this unit help your body?

agility, balance, co-ordination, speed, stamina, strength

Home Learning

Find more games that develop these skills in the Home Learning Active Families tab on www.getset4education.co.uk

It's all About the Pace

What you need: socks and a stopwatch or clock

How to play:

- Mark a track around your home using socks.
- How many times can you run around your track in 30 seconds?
- Can you double the distance if you work for 1 minute? How did that make you feel?
- Can you run your track without stopping for 6 minutes? Pace yourself to maintain a consistent speed.
- How many laps did you complete?

Notice what happens to the distance you complete when the time increases.

