Prior Knowledge & Skills— Early Learning Goals

Negotiate space and obstacles safely, with consideration for themselves and others;

Demonstrate strength, balance and coordination when playing;

Move energetically, such as running, jumping, dancing, hopping, skipping and climbing.

Key Knowledge & Skills

Year 1:

Explore different body shapes.

Use movements to communicate ideas.

Move smoothly from a position of stillness to a travelling movement with some control.

Copy simple sequences of movement.

Begin to show improvements in an action or movement.

Begin to engage in a group performance.

Year 2:

Move smoothly from a position of stillness to a travelling movement.

Change height and direction with control

Use dance movements to communicate ideas.

Copy longer sequences of actions/movements.

Put together simple dance steps to form a sequence.

Make changes to an action or movement to make simple improvements.

Key Vocabulary	
Word	Definition
Travel	To move to the music
Mood	The style of the music. Does it sound happy? Sad? Angry?
Flexibility	How much movement you have around a joint.
Strength	Being physically strong.
Balance	To hold yourself upright and steady with an uneven weight distribution.
Coordination	To be able to use different parts of the body at the same time.
Repetition	To do something over and over again.
Spatial awareness	To be aware of how much space you have and of other people around you.
Rhythm	A strong repeated pattern of movement or sound.
Pace	Speed of the music or dance.
Flow	How you move from one place to another in a steady motion.

Famous Sportsperson—Martha Graham

Martha Graham was an American dancer and choreographer. She is known as the pioneer of modern dance. She dared to introduce new, modern dance moves to the world. Modern dance was viewed as a rebellion from the strict rules of ballet. Modern dance disregarded ballet's strict movement vocabulary, such as the limited set of movements that were considered proper to ballet, and stopped wearing corsets and pointe shoes in the search for greater freedom of movement. The Graham

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nique reshaped American dance and is still taught worldwide.

Local Clubs

slanteddance do lessons in Norwich and Hethersett. Contact them here: https://www.slanteddance.co.uk/contact/

Future Learning—Year 3 Dance

Choose movements to communicate a mood or feeling.

Perform dance sequences with control, coordination and rhythm.

Move in time to music.

Create dance sequences using a variety of steps and actions.

Suggest ways that others could improve their actions or performances.