Fair games, healthy teeth, medicine safety and asking for help

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Grade 1 Health and PE: Fair Games, Healthy Teeth, Medicine Safety and Asking for Help (5 lessons, about 3 weeks)

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Back to the grade 1 year plan - Term 3

Big idea

A game is fun when its rules are fair: everyone has a real chance and everyone can play. A good sport says "Good game" whether they win or lose. We can look after our bodies in small, everyday ways: brushing our teeth twice a day, keeping sugary drinks and snacks small, and only taking medicine from a trusted grown-up. When something is wrong, we can ask a trusted grown-up for help, and ask another one if the first cannot help.

This is the third health and PE unit of the grade 1 year (term 3). It builds on Taking turns, food and sleep, and stop, look, listen from kindergarten (taking turns, food words), the grade 1 term 1 unit Moving and dodging (the class warm-up, the stop signal and lanes) and the grade 1 term 2 unit Throw, catch, kick and calm down (beanbags and hoops, Remy the made-up child, and "tell a grown-up you trust").

Outcomes

By the end of the unit a student can:

1. Play a relay game by its rules (one runner at a time, stay in your lane, one beanbag each) and say whether a rule or set-up is fair or not fair, and why (for example "Their hoop is closer, so it's not fair").
2. With a group, choose and test one rule change, checking "Can everyone in our group play with this rule?", and show a good-sport way to finish a game (saying "Good game" or "Well played", a wave, a thumbs-up or a sign), whether their team won or not.
3. Say that we brush our teeth twice a day for about two minutes, show the outer, inner and chewing surfaces on a model tooth, and say that sugary drinks and snacks are best kept small.
4. Say that medicine is only given by a trusted grown-up, and say or show what to do if they find pills or a bottle they are not sure of: don't touch, don't taste, tell a grown-up.
5. Name (or point to) a trusted grown-up at school and show how to ask for help: get the grown-up's attention, say or show what is wrong, and ask another grown-up if the first one cannot help.

Prior knowledge

- From kindergarten: taking turns in a game, food words, washing hands.
- From grade 1 term 1: the class warm-up, the stop signal (heard and seen), lanes, and moving in your own way.
- From grade 1 term 2: underarm throws at hoops, Remy (a made-up child), feelings words and calm-down ways, including "tell a grown-up you trust".
- Six-year-olds usually care a great deal about winning and about whether things are fair. Many are starting to lose baby teeth. Never ask children about their own teeth, brushing, dentist visits or medicines at home; all personal examples come through Remy.

Lessons

Lessons 1 and 2 are PE lessons in the hall (opening 3, warm-up 5, main 15, discussion 4, closing check 3). Lessons 3-5 are classroom lessons (opening 5, main 15, discussion 5, closing check 5). All are about 30 minutes. Leave a day or two between lessons. The lesson 5 one-to-one check is done in extra short slots over the following days.

Lesson	Title	Main activity
1	Fair rules	A beanbag relay in lanes, then a "spot the unfair rule" round and fixing it
2	Our own fair rule	Groups test rule changes, choose one everyone can play with, and practise "Good game"
3	Looking after our teeth	A giant model tooth, the three surfaces, two-minute pretend brushing, and sorting food and drink picture cards
4	Medicine only from a trusted grown-up	Remy's story, "don't touch, don't taste, tell a grown-up", and sorting picture cards
5	Asking for help	Trusted grown-ups at school, what to say, Remy scenario cards, and a one-to-one check

Materials (whole class unless noted)

- Lessons 1-2: a hall or cleared space at least 10 metres long, with clear edges, away from walls and windows; cones or floor spots to mark the edge.
- Lessons 1-2: the stop signal, both heard and seen (a drum or tambourine plus a raised hand or a red card with a square); the six large warm-up cards from term 1; water; ear defenders and a quiet spot at the edge for children who need them.
- Every lesson: a class list for notes.
- Lesson 1: six lanes marked with cones or floor tape, about 3 metres apart (fewer lanes and longer teams if the space is narrower); 12 hoops (one at the start and one at the far end of each lane, about 8 metres apart); one beanbag per child (each team's beanbags start together in the far hoop of its lane, so a team of four has four beanbags there); two large picture cards, "fair" (a smiling face with a level balance) and "not fair" (a frowning face with a tipped balance); one small "fair" and one small "not fair" card per child (or children use thumbs up and thumbs down).
- Lesson 2: the lesson 1 lanes, hoops, beanbags and fair and not fair cards; six extra cones (one halfway along each lane); five large rule-change picture cards (hop or move in your own way; carry the beanbag on a flat hand; walk heel to toe; carry the beanbag on a paper plate; walk sideways); one paper plate per team; one blank card per team for a group's own

idea; one large "good sport" card showing four ways to say "Good game" (the words, a wave, a thumbs-up, the class sign for "good game").

- Lesson 3: one large picture of Remy; a giant model tooth (a large drawn tooth on card, or a box covered in white paper) with the outer, inner and chewing surfaces each shown in a different pattern and labelled; one large card cut-out toothbrush for the model; a two-minute sand timer; a "twice a day" picture card (a morning sun and a night moon); eight food and drink picture cards (water, carrot sticks, cucumber, cheese; sweets, fizzy drink, iced cake, a lollipop); two sorting labels ("not much sugar" and "lots of sugar: keep it small"); one small tooth picture per child, with the three surfaces outlined, and crayons.
- Lesson 4: four large pictures of Remy for the story; a "medicine rule" card with three pictures (a hand with a cross for "don't touch", a mouth with a cross for "don't taste", a child talking to a grown-up for "tell a grown-up"); eight scenario picture cards (listed in lesson 4); two sorting labels ("OK" and "Stop and tell a grown-up"). Pictures only: no real medicines, pill bottles, inhalers or sweets in the classroom.
- Lesson 5: a large picture of Remy; pictures or names of trusted grown-ups at school (the class teacher, teaching assistants, lunchtime staff, office staff, the school nurse if there is one), as your school allows; a large "how to ask for help" card with three pictures (get their attention, say what is wrong, ask another grown-up); five Remy scenario cards (listed in lesson 5); one "I need help" card per child (a picture of a raised hand and the words), which children can hand or show to an adult; a class puppet (optional); for the one-to-one check, the lesson 1 fair and not fair pictures, the "good sport" card, the small tooth picture, scenario card 2 from lesson 4 (tablets on a table) and the pictures of trusted grown-ups, plus two lane pictures (every hoop the same distance away; one hoop much closer) and a clean small tooth picture.
- For blind or low-vision children: a sighted guide partner; in lessons 1-2 a sound source at the far hoop of their lane (a battery-powered beeper or small radio), placed and fetched only while the relay is stopped; raised-line copies of the fair and not fair cards, the rule-change cards, the medicine rule card, the "how to ask for help" card and the "I need help" card (glue lines on card); a textured tooth (a different texture, such as sandpaper, corrugated card and smooth card, on each surface); scenario and food cards described aloud.

⚠ Safety and access

- **Relay space:** check the space before lessons 1 and 2. Lanes at least 3 metres apart. Runners walk or jog, stay in their own lane, go round their far hoop on the outside and come back the same way. Waiting children sit or stand behind the start hoop. Only one runner per team is out at a time.
- **No touch needed:** the next runner is sent with a wave or a high-five, whichever that child chooses.
- **Stop signal for everyone:** always given as a sound and as something to see.
- **Moving in your own way:** children who use a wheelchair, walker or crutches travel the lane in their own way; lanes are wide enough for a wheelchair. Blind or low-vision children run with a sighted guide (holding an elbow or a short loop of rope), with the sound source at their far hoop. Lesson 2's check question, "Can everyone in our group play with this rule?", must be answered for every child in the group; if not, the group changes the rule.
- **Medical:** check records for conditions that affect exercise and follow each child's plan; keep inhalers to hand. Children can rest at the edge.

- **No real toothbrushes, toothpaste, medicines, bottles or sweets:** lessons 3 and 4 use pictures, a card model and pretend brushing in the air only. No food or drink is tasted (allergies, and so nobody's food is judged).
- **Privacy:** never ask children about their own teeth, brushing at home, dentist visits, lost teeth, medicines at home or illnesses. Never inspect or comment on anyone's teeth or lunch. Personal examples come only through Remy, a made-up child. Sharing is opt-in; passing is fine.
- **No stranger-danger scripts:** lesson 5 is about asking trusted grown-ups at school for help, not about frightening stories.
- **Safeguarding:** if a child tells you something worrying (about medicine, being hurt, or anything else), follow your school's safeguarding procedure.
- **Inhalers and other prescribed medicine:** some children have an inhaler or other medicine at school as part of a plan agreed by their family and the school. That is a grown-up-agreed medicine; do not single out any child.

Assessment

- Lessons 1-4: the teacher notes on a class list who can say why a set-up is fair or not fair, who checks that everyone can play, who uses a good-sport way to finish, who shows the three tooth surfaces and says "twice a day" (and "about two minutes"), who sorts the sugar cards, and who can say the medicine rule. Pointing, signing or using a communication device counts fully.
- Lesson 5: a closing check with the "I need help" card, then a one-to-one check with five parts and an answer guide (about 4 minutes per child) in extra short slots over the following days, for example while the class does quiet reading or choice time.
- Winning or losing a game is never recorded.

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- The grade 1 year plan (health and PE, term 3).
- No health or PE standard was read for this unit.

Known gaps

- Written 10 November 2026. Text-checked by two other agents on 10 November 2026 (not an educator or classroom review): GLM-5.3 Flash found no errors and made two optional wording notes (taken at a49f555); Gemini 4 Argon found no errors at a17096b, diff-checked a49f555, and made three optional access and assessment notes (taken at c88ba3a), which Gemini 4 Argon also diff-checked the same day. See PEERCHECKS.md. Not checked by a teacher.
- No official standard was read. The choice and order of topics is mine, based on the grade 1 year plan.
- The sources are US health organisations and Wikipedia. Toothpaste advice (for example how much a young child uses) and medicine rules at school differ between countries and schools; the unit leaves the amount of toothpaste to a grown-up and follows the school's medicine policy.
- The food and drink cards are an example, not from a source. Sorting them into "not much sugar" and "lots of sugar: keep it small" is a simple version of "limit sugary drinks and snacks"; it is not a full nutrition lesson, and fruit and juice are left out on purpose because they are harder to sort (KidsHealth also suggests limiting juice).
- Up and Away is about medicines. Other things children should not touch or taste (cleaning products, batteries, plants) are not covered here.
- The relay distances, lane widths and team sizes are my estimates; change them to fit your space.
- The games, story, scenarios and timings are my choice, not taken from a source.

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Lesson 1: Fair rules

Unit overview - Next: Lesson 2

Goal: Children play a beanbag relay by its rules, spot a set-up that is not fair, say why, and help fix it.

Length: about 30 minutes, in the hall or cleared space.

Materials

- The cleared space (at least 10 metres long) and edge cones or floor spots.
- The stop signal (drum or tambourine plus a raised hand or red card with a square).
- The six large warm-up cards from term 1.
- Six lanes marked with cones or floor tape, about 3 metres apart (fewer lanes and longer teams if the space is narrower).
- 12 hoops: one at each end of each lane, about 8 metres apart.
- One beanbag per child. Each team's beanbags start together in the far hoop of its lane (a team of four has four beanbags there).
- Two large picture cards: "fair" (a smiling face with a level balance) and "not fair" (a frowning face with a tipped balance).
- One small "fair" card and one small "not fair" card per child (or children use thumbs up and thumbs down).
- For blind or low-vision children: a sighted guide partner; a sound source for the far hoop of their lane (a battery-powered beeper or small radio), placed and moved by an adult only while the relay is stopped; raised-line copies of the fair and not fair cards (a level line and a tipped line).
- Water.
- Ear defenders and a quiet spot at the edge for children who need them.
- A class list for notes.

Steps

✎ Opening (3 min)

Sitting. "In kindergarten we learned to take turns. Today we play a relay game, and we think about rules. A rule tells everyone how to play. A fair rule gives everyone a real chance." Show the "fair" and "not fair" cards.

Warm-up (5 min)

The class warm-up from term 1, led by one group using the large cards. Add walking, then jogging, along a lane and back.

✎ Main activity (15 min)

Teams of four or five, one team per lane, sitting behind the empty hoop at their end. The full hoop is at the far end.

The rules (show and say them, and model once with a helper):

1. One runner at a time from each team.
2. Walk or jog in your own lane to the far hoop, take **one** beanbag, come back in your lane and put it in your team's hoop.
3. Send the next runner with a wave or a high-five (the next runner chooses).
4. When all the beanbags are in your hoop, your team sits down.

Then:

1. **Practice and race (5 min).** One practice round at walking pace, then one race. After the race, give the stop signal. Each team walks along the side of its own lane to the other end, so the full hoop is now the far hoop. Say "Good game" to the class as a whole: no team is praised or teased for winning or losing.
2. **Spot the unfair rule (6 min).** "This time I am going to change one thing. Watch carefully. Your job is to spot it and say if it's fair." While everyone is sitting, move the far hoop of one lane to about 4 metres from its team (half the distance). Race once. Then stop and ask: "Was that race fair?" Children show the fair or not fair card (or thumbs). "Why?" (Answer guide: that team's hoop was closer, so they had less far to go; the others had no real chance to win.) Say clearly: "It wasn't that team's fault. They played by the rules. The set-up was not fair."
3. **Fix it (4 min).** "How can we make it fair again?" (Answer guide: move the hoop back so every team goes the same distance; or move every hoop closer.) A child shows where the hoop should go; an adult moves it while the relay is stopped. Teams turn round as before and race once more.

✓ Discussion questions (4 min)

- "What made the second race not fair?" (Answer guide: one team had a shorter distance; the rule or set-up was different for one team.)
- "What other things could make a game not fair?" (Answer guide: someone taking two beanbags, starting before the wave, cutting across a lane, one team having more runners; any sensible idea. If a child names another child, steer back to the rule: "What would the rule be?")
- "How could you tell the other team 'well done' at the end?" (Answer guide: saying "Good game", a wave, a thumbs-up. Lesson 2 practises this.)

✓ Closing check (3 min)

Describe three quick set-ups, pointing at the lanes as you go: (1) every hoop the same distance away; (2) one team allowed to take two beanbags at a time; (3) every team takes turns, one runner at a time. Children hold up "fair" or "not fair" for each. Ask two or three

children "Why?". (Answer guide: fair, not fair, fair. Note who can say why, for example "they get two, the others get one".)

Vocabulary

rule, fair, not fair, take turns, lane, relay, team

Differentiation

- Support: a partner runs alongside; shorter lanes for a team that needs them, with every team in that game using the same shorter lane.
- Stretch: "Is it fair if one team has five runners and another has four?" (Answer guide: not quite; the team of four could have one runner go twice, or one team could have fewer beanbags.)
- Wheelchair, walker or crutch users: travel the lane in their own way. If one team's travel is much slower, discuss in lesson 2 whether a rule change makes it fairer; never single out a child.
- Blind or low-vision children: run with a sighted guide holding an elbow or a short loop of rope; the sound source is at their far hoop. Explore the raised-line fair and not fair cards before the closing check.
- Deaf children: the stop signal is always seen as well as heard; the wave start works for everyone.
- Non-speaking children: answer "why" by pointing at the hoop or the lanes, or with signs or a communication device.

⚠ Safety

- Walk or jog only; no diving for beanbags.
- Everyone stays in their own lane, goes round their far hoop on the outside and comes back the same way. Only one runner per team is out at a time.
- Hoops and the sound source are moved only while the relay is stopped.
- Waiting children sit or stand behind their start hoop, not in the lane.

Teacher notes

- The unfair round is announced as a puzzle, so no team feels tricked, and the closer team is never blamed.
- Six-year-olds often say "not fair" about losing. Use the lesson to separate the two: losing a fair game is still fair.

Lesson 2: Our own fair rule

Unit overview - Previous: Lesson 1 - Next: Lesson 3

Goal: Groups test rule changes for the relay, choose one that everyone in the group can play with, and practise finishing a game as a good sport.

Length: about 30 minutes, in the hall or cleared space.

Materials

- The cleared space and edge cones or floor spots.
- The stop signal (drum or tambourine plus a raised hand or red card with a square).
- The six large warm-up cards from term 1.
- The lesson 1 lanes, 12 hoops and one beanbag per child.
- Six extra cones, one halfway along each lane (about 4 metres from the start), for testing rules.
- Five large rule-change picture cards: hop or move in your own way; carry the beanbag on a flat hand; walk heel to toe; carry the beanbag on a paper plate; walk sideways.
- One paper plate per team.
- One blank card per team, for a group's own idea (an adult draws or writes it).
- One large "good sport" card showing four ways to say "Good game": the words, a wave, a thumbs-up and the class sign.
- The lesson 1 "fair" and "not fair" cards.
- For blind or low-vision children: a sighted guide partner; the lesson 1 sound source, placed and moved only while the relay is stopped; raised-line copies of the rule-change cards (a simple glue shape on each: one foot, a flat hand, two feet in a line, a circle, a sideways arrow).
- Water.
- Ear defenders and a quiet spot at the edge for children who need them.
- A class list for notes.

Steps

✎ Opening (3 min)

Sitting. "Last time we spotted a rule that wasn't fair and fixed it. Today your team makes up its own rule for the relay. A good rule is fair, and everyone in your team can play with it." Show the five rule-change cards.

Warm-up (5 min)

The class warm-up from term 1, led by one group. Add a few steps each of hopping (or moving in your own way), walking heel to toe and walking sideways.

✎ Main activity (15 min)

Same teams as lesson 1, one per lane.

1. **Test two rules (6 min).** Give each team two rule-change cards (or its own idea on a blank card). Each child tries each rule once, to the halfway cone and back, carrying a beanbag where the rule needs one (a flat hand or the team's paper plate). One child at a time per lane.
2. **Choose and check (3 min).** Each team chooses one rule. Before they keep it, an adult asks the check question, and the team answers it for every child: **"Can everyone in our group play with this rule?"** If the answer is no for anyone (for example hopping for a child who uses a wheelchair, or heel to toe for a child using crutches), the team changes the rule or adds "or move in your own way". The adult writes or draws the final rule on the team's card.
3. **Play and say "Good game" (6 min).** Pair each team with the team in the next lane. Show the "good sport" card: "At the end of every race, both teams say or show 'Good game' to the other team, whoever finished first. If you finish first, you can also say 'Well played'." The two teams race with team A's rule (both teams using the same rule), then with team B's rule, turning round between races as in lesson 1.

✓ Discussion questions (4 min)

- "Was it fair for both teams in a race to use the same rule? Why?" (Answer guide: yes; both teams had the same job, so both had a real chance. If each team used a different rule, one might have an easier job.)
- "Why did we ask 'Can everyone play with this rule?'" (Answer guide: so nobody is left out; a game is only fair if everyone can join in.)
- "What does a good sport do when their team wins? When their team doesn't win?" (Answer guide: winning: says "Good game" or "Well played", no showing off; not winning: says "Good game", tries again next time. Both are good sports.)

✓ Closing check (3 min)

Each team holds up its rule card and one child says or shows the rule and whether everyone could play. Then each child shows the teacher their "good game" way (words, wave, thumbs-up or sign). (Answer guide: note who answers the check question for their team and who shows a good-sport way. Any of the four ways counts.)

Vocabulary

rule, change, fair, everyone can play, good sport, "Good game", "Well played", win, lose

Differentiation

- Support: choose from two cards only; an adult helps the team ask the check question; walk the race instead of jogging.

- Stretch: invent a new rule and draw it on the blank card; "Is your rule fair if one team has a paper plate and the other doesn't?"
- Wheelchair, walker or crutch users: every rule includes "or move in your own way" if needed; carrying the beanbag on a flat hand or plate works seated.
- Blind or low-vision children: test rules with the guide; explore the raised-line rule cards; the sound source stays at the far hoop for races.
- Non-speaking children: show "Good game" with a wave, thumbs-up, sign or communication device; choose a rule by pointing to a card.
- Children without full use of their hands: carry the beanbag in the crook of an arm, or skip carrying and touch the far hoop instead; their own way counts.

⚠ Safety

- The lesson 1 rules stay: walk or jog, own lane, one runner per team, round the far hoop on the outside, hoops and the sound source moved only while the relay is stopped.
- Hopping is a few hops at a time; children can switch to walking at any point.
- Heel-to-toe and sideways walking are slow on purpose; no racing in those rules during testing.
- Paper plates only (no hard plates).

Teacher notes

- Some children will be upset about not winning. Name the good-sport ways rather than telling children not to be upset, and remind them of the term 2 calm-down ways.
- Winning and losing are never recorded.

Lesson 3: Looking after our teeth

Unit overview - Previous: Lesson 2 - Next: Lesson 4

Goal: Children learn that we brush our teeth twice a day for about two minutes, practise brushing the outer, inner and chewing surfaces on a model (and in the air), and sort food and drink pictures by how sugary they are.

Length: about 30 minutes, in the classroom.

Materials

- One large picture of Remy (the made-up child from term 2).
- A giant model tooth: a large drawn tooth on card, or a box covered in white paper, with the outer, inner and chewing surfaces each shown in a different pattern (stripes, dots, zigzags) and labelled.
- One large card cut-out toothbrush for the model.
- A two-minute sand timer.
- A "twice a day" picture card: a morning sun and a night moon.
- Eight food and drink picture cards (drawn, an example, not from a source): water, carrot sticks, cucumber, cheese; sweets, fizzy drink, iced cake, a lollipop.
- Two sorting labels: "not much sugar" and "lots of sugar: keep it small".
- One small tooth picture per child, with the three surfaces outlined, and crayons.
- For blind or low-vision children: a raised-line version of the giant tooth or small tooth picture with a different texture on each surface (sandpaper, corrugated card, smooth card); the food cards described aloud.
- A class list for notes.

Steps

✎ Opening (5 min)

Show Remy. "This is Remy again. Remy has a wobbly tooth. Remy's first teeth are called baby teeth. Many children start to lose baby teeth at around six, and a new, bigger tooth grows in its place. The new teeth are called permanent teeth, which means they are meant to stay, so we look after them." Do not ask who has lost a tooth or who has a wobbly tooth; if children offer it, say "Thank you" and move on.

✎ Main activity (15 min)

1. **Three surfaces (4 min).** Show the giant tooth. "Every tooth has an outside, an inside and a top where we chew." Point to each surface and its pattern: the **outer surface** (the side next to your cheeks and lips), the **inner surface** (the side next to your tongue) and the **chewing surface** (the top). Brush each one on the model with the card toothbrush, saying its name. Children say the names with you.
2. **Twice a day, two minutes (5 min).** Show the "twice a day" card: "Dentists say to brush twice a day: once in the morning and once at night." Show the sand timer: "Each time, about two minutes. That is longer than it feels!" Everyone holds a pretend

toothbrush in the air in front of them (not in their mouths) and "brushes" with small circles while the teacher calls out each surface and points to it on the giant tooth at the same time (so deaf and hard-of-hearing children have a visual cue): outer, inner, chewing, top teeth and bottom teeth, until the sand runs out. "A soft toothbrush and a toothpaste with fluoride in it help. A grown-up decides how much toothpaste."

3. **Sugar sort (6 min).** Explain simply: "Tiny living things called bacteria live in everyone's mouth. When they meet sugar, they make acid, and acid can hurt the hard outside of our teeth. So it's kinder to our teeth to keep sugary drinks and snacks small, and to brush." Show the eight cards one at a time. Children say or show which label each goes under; a child places it. (Answer guide: not much sugar: water, carrot sticks, cucumber, cheese; lots of sugar, keep it small: sweets, fizzy drink, iced cake, lollipop.) Say: "Sugary food isn't bad, and nobody is in trouble for eating it. We just keep it small and brush our teeth."

✓ Discussion questions (5 min)

- "Why do we brush all three surfaces?" (Answer guide: so every part of the tooth gets clean; the sugar and bacteria can be on any side.)
- "Remy's family has cake at a party. What could help Remy's teeth afterwards?" (Answer guide: a drink of water, brushing at bedtime as usual; not "never eat cake".)
- "When do we brush?" (Answer guide: twice a day, morning and night, for about two minutes.)

Do not ask who brushes at home, who has been to a dentist, or what children eat or drink at home.

✓ Closing check (5 min)

Each child marks the three surfaces on their small tooth picture in three different ways (colours, or stripes, dots and zigzags) and shows the teacher, who asks: "Show me the chewing surface. How many times a day do we brush?" (Answer guide: points to the top of the tooth; "twice" or "two" or shows two fingers or the sun and moon card. Note on the class list.)

Vocabulary

tooth, teeth, baby teeth, outer surface, inner surface, chewing surface, brush, twice a day, two minutes, sugar, sugary

Differentiation

- Support: learn "outside, inside, top" before the longer names; point to the surfaces instead of naming them.
- Stretch: "Why might sticky sweets be harder on teeth than water?" (Answer guide: accept "the sugar stays on the teeth longer" as a sensible guess; label it a guess.)
- Non-speaking children: point to the surfaces and the sun and moon card, or use signs or a communication device.

- Blind or low-vision children: explore the textured tooth (a different texture for each surface); hear each food card described.
- Children without full use of their hands: "brush" in the air with any movement they choose, or tell an adult where to brush on the model.

⚠ Safety

- No real toothbrushes or toothpaste in class. Pretend brushing is in the air, not in mouths.
- No food or drink is tasted or brought in (allergies). Cards only.
- Never comment on anyone's teeth or lunch. Never ask about brushing at home, dentist visits, lost teeth or what children eat at home.
- If a child mentions tooth pain or something worrying, tell the school nurse or follow your school's procedure; if it is a safeguarding concern, follow your school's safeguarding procedure.

Teacher notes

- The sources advise brushing twice a day, for two minutes, with a soft brush and a fluoride toothpaste, brushing all three surfaces, and limiting sugary drinks and snacks (see the unit's sources). How much toothpaste a young child uses differs between countries; the unit leaves it to a grown-up.
- KidsHealth also advises never walking or running with anything in the mouth, such as a toothbrush; you could add this as a safety tip.
- Some families cannot easily get toothbrushes or toothpaste. Never make a child feel judged; if your school has a toothbrushing scheme, follow it.

Lesson 4: Medicine only from a trusted grown-up

Unit overview - Previous: Lesson 3 - Next: Lesson 5

Goal: Children learn what medicine is, that only a trusted grown-up gives it, and what to do if they find pills or a bottle they are not sure of: don't touch, don't taste, tell a grown-up.

Length: about 30 minutes, in the classroom.

Materials

- Four large pictures of Remy, one for each part of the story below (drawn, not photos).
- A "medicine rule" card with three pictures: a hand with a cross ("don't touch"), a mouth with a cross ("don't taste") and a child talking to a grown-up ("tell a grown-up").
- Eight scenario picture cards (drawn), listed in the main activity.
- Two sorting labels: "OK" and "Stop and tell a grown-up".
- For blind or low-vision children: a raised-line copy of the medicine rule card (a glue hand, a glue mouth and two glue figures); the scenario cards described aloud.
- A class list for notes.
- Pictures only: no real medicines, pill bottles, inhalers, vitamins or sweets in the classroom.

Steps

✎ Opening (5 min)

Sitting. "When people are poorly, a doctor or nurse might say they need medicine. Medicine can help our bodies get better. Medicine can be a tablet, a liquid on a spoon, a cream, or an inhaler that helps with breathing." "Medicine is not sweets. It can help when the right person gives the right amount, but it can be dangerous if a child takes it without a grown-up." Do not ask children about medicines or illnesses at home.

✎ Main activity (15 min)

1. **Remy's story (6 min).** Read the story, showing each picture, and ask the question after each part.

   Part 1. Remy has a sore ear and feels poorly. Remy's grown-up gives Remy medicine on a spoon, the way the doctor said. After a few days Remy feels better. (Who gave Remy the medicine? A grown-up who looks after Remy.)

   Part 2. Remy asks, "Is medicine like sweets?" Remy's grown-up says, "No. Medicine is not sweets. You only have medicine when a grown-up who looks after you gives it to you." (Why does a grown-up give it? They know which medicine and how much.)

   Part 3. At a family party, Remy sees some small, bright tablets on a table. They look just like sweets. (What do you think Remy should do? Let children suggest.)

Part 4. Remy doesn't touch them and doesn't taste them. Remy finds a grown-up and says, "There are tablets on the table." The grown-up says, "Thank you for telling me," and puts them away, high up, out of reach. (How might Remy feel? Maybe proud, maybe a bit worried; both are fine.)

1. **The medicine rule (3 min).** Show the medicine rule card and say it together, with actions (hands behind back, lips closed, pointing to a grown-up): **"Medicine only from a trusted grown-up. If you find pills or a bottle you're not sure about: don't touch, don't taste, tell a grown-up."** "Some tablets look like sweets, and some medicines look like juice. That's why we tell a grown-up even if we think it's a sweet."
2. **OK or stop and tell? (6 min).** Show each scenario card; children show thumbs up for "OK" or a flat "stop" hand for "Stop and tell a grown-up", and a child places it under a label. (Answer guide in brackets.)
3. Remy is poorly and Remy's grown-up gives medicine on a spoon. (OK)
4. Small coloured tablets on a table. (Stop and tell)
5. A bottle of pink liquid on the floor that looks like a drink. (Stop and tell)
6. A child uses their own inhaler with a grown-up's help at school, as their plan says. (OK)
7. An older child says, "Try my medicine, it tastes nice." (Stop and tell: say "No" and tell a grown-up)
8. A packet of tablets falls out of a coat on the floor. (Stop and tell)
9. An open tub of chewy shapes that might be vitamins, on a low shelf. (Stop and tell: vitamins are not sweets either)
10. Remy has a cough and the grown-up who looks after Remy reads the label and gives the right amount. (OK)

✓ Discussion questions (5 min)

- "What is the same about all the OK cards?" (Answer guide: a trusted grown-up gave the medicine, or helped, as the plan said.)
- "Why should Remy tell a grown-up even if the tablets look like sweets?" (Answer guide: tablets can look like sweets; you can't always tell; a grown-up can check and put them away.)
- "Some children have an inhaler or medicine at school. Is that OK?" (Answer guide: yes; their family and the school have agreed it, and a grown-up helps. Do not name or point to any child.)

✓ Closing check (5 min)

Hold up scenario card 2 (tablets on a table): "What should Remy do?" Then: "Who gives us medicine?" Children answer together by saying the rule, showing the three actions or pointing to the medicine rule card; ask a few children individually. (Answer guide: don't touch, don't taste, tell a grown-up; a trusted grown-up gives medicine. Note on the class list.)

Vocabulary

medicine, tablet, pill, liquid, inhaler, trusted grown-up, don't touch, don't taste, tell a grown-up

Differentiation

- Support: learn only "don't touch, tell a grown-up" first; sort four cards instead of eight.
- Stretch: "What could a grown-up do so children don't find tablets?" (Answer guide: put medicines away high up and out of sight.)
- Non-speaking children: show the three actions, point to the rule card, or use signs or a communication device.
- Blind or low-vision children: explore the raised-line rule card; hear each scenario described.
- Children who use an inhaler or other medicine at school: the lesson treats it as normal and grown-up-agreed. Check the materials with their family or the school nurse beforehand if you think a child may feel singled out.

⚠ Safety

- No real medicines, bottles, inhalers, vitamins or sweets in class.
- Never call medicine sweets, even as a joke.
- Do not ask about medicines, illnesses or who looks after children at home. Say "a grown-up who looks after you", not "mum" or "dad".
- If a child says they have taken medicine they found, or anything worrying, act at once: follow your school's first-aid and medicine procedure (and safeguarding procedure if needed).

Teacher notes

- The source (Up and Away) advises teaching children "what medicine is and why you or another caregiver must be the one to give it", and never telling children medicine is candy. It also says pills can look like candy and liquid medicines like sugary drinks.
- Follow your school's medicine policy for anything it says differently (for example who gives medicine at school).
- Up and Away is about medicines; cleaning products and other things children shouldn't touch are not covered here.

Lesson 5: Asking for help

Unit overview - Previous: Lesson 4

Goal: Children name trusted grown-ups at school and practise asking for help: getting a grown-up's attention, saying or showing what is wrong, and asking another grown-up if the first one cannot help. A one-to-one check over the following days covers the whole unit.

Length: about 30 minutes, in the classroom, plus about 4 minutes per child for the one-to-one check in extra short slots.

Materials

- One large picture of Remy.
- Pictures or names of trusted grown-ups at school (the class teacher, teaching assistants, lunchtime staff, office staff, the school nurse if there is one), as your school allows.
- A large "how to ask for help" card with three pictures: 1 get their attention, 2 say what is wrong, 3 ask another grown-up.
- Five Remy scenario cards (drawn), listed in the main activity.
- One "I need help" card per child (a picture of a raised hand and the words), which children can hand or show to an adult.
- A class puppet (optional), for modelling.
- For the one-to-one check: the lesson 1 "fair" and "not fair" cards and two pictures (lanes with every hoop the same distance away; lanes with one hoop much closer); the lesson 2 "good sport" card; the lesson 3 small tooth picture (a clean copy); scenario card 2 from lesson 4 (tablets on a table); the pictures or names of trusted grown-ups; a class list.
- For blind or low-vision children: a raised-line copy of the "how to ask for help" card (a glue hand, a glue mouth, two glue figures); a raised-line "I need help" card (a glue hand); the textured tooth from lesson 3; the raised-line fair and not fair cards from lesson 1 and the raised-line medicine rule card from lesson 4, for the check.
- A class list for notes.

Steps

✎ Opening (5 min)

Sitting. "In term 2, Remy told a grown-up when a feeling got big. In lesson 4, Remy told a grown-up about the tablets. Today: who can we ask for help at school, and how?" Show the pictures or names of trusted grown-ups and name each job: "These are grown-ups whose job at school includes helping children." Children point to or name ones they know.

✎ Main activity (15 min)

1. **How to ask (4 min).** Show the "how to ask for help" card. The teacher (or the puppet) models each step:
2. **Get their attention:** go to the grown-up, then say "Excuse me", put your hand up, sign, or show your "I need help" card.

3. **Say or show what is wrong:** "I need help. My friend is hurt." / "I feel sick." / "I can't find my class." Pointing or showing the card is fine too.
4. **Ask another grown-up** if the first one is busy or can't help: "If the first grown-up can't help, ask another one." Model a muddled version ("Um... um...") and a clear one, and ask which was easier to understand.
5. **Remy scenarios (8 min).** Show each card. Children say who Remy could ask and what Remy could say. Volunteers may act it out with the teacher or puppet as the grown-up (opt-in; nobody has to perform; children can also point or show their card). (Answer guide in brackets.)
6. In the playground, Remy's friend falls over and hurts their knee. (Go to a playground grown-up: "Excuse me, I need help. My friend is hurt.")
7. Remy feels sick in class. (Tell the teacher or teaching assistant: "I feel sick.")
8. After assembly, Remy can't find the class line. (Stay in the hall and ask a school grown-up nearby: "I can't find my class.")
9. Remy sees tablets on the floor in the corridor. (Don't touch, don't taste; tell the nearest school grown-up.)
10. Remy asks a grown-up for help, but the grown-up is busy and says "Just a minute." Remy's friend is still hurt. (Say "It's important, my friend is hurt", or ask another grown-up.)
11. **Practise with the card (3 min).** Give each child an "I need help" card. In pairs, one child is the grown-up and one shows the card and says or shows one thing from the scenarios; then swap. Children keep the card in their tray or bag if your school agrees.

✓ Discussion questions (5 min)

- "Why is it a good idea to say what is wrong, not just 'help'?" (Answer guide: the grown-up knows what to do faster.)
- "What can you do if the first grown-up can't help?" (Answer guide: ask another grown-up; say "It's important".)
- "Which grown-ups at school could you ask?" (Answer guide: any trusted grown-up at school from the pictures; accept any school job.) Do not ask about grown-ups at home.

✓ Closing check (5 min)

Each child, in turn around the room or in small groups, shows the teacher how they would get a grown-up's attention and says or shows one thing they might need help with. (Answer guide: "Excuse me", a raised hand, a sign or the card; then any clear statement or showing such as "My friend is hurt". Note on the class list.)

One-to-one check (about 4 minutes per child, in extra slots)

Over the following days, in a quiet corner while the class reads or does choice time, check each child alone. Answers can be spoken, pointed, shown, signed or given on a communication device; agreed alternatives count fully.

1. **Fair or not fair?** Show the two lane pictures. "Which race is fair? Why?" (Answer guide: the one where every hoop is the same distance; in the other, one team has less far to go.) For a blind or low-vision child, describe the two set-ups aloud or use raised-line lane cards.

2. **Good game.** "Show me what a good sport does at the end of a game." (Answer guide: says "Good game" or "Well played", waves, thumbs-up or signs; any one counts.)
3. **Teeth.** Give the clean tooth picture (or the textured tooth). "Show me the outer, inner and chewing surfaces. How many times a day do we brush? For about how long? Should sugary snacks be big or small?" (Answer guide: points to all three; "twice"; "about two minutes" or "until the sand runs out"; "small". Two of three surfaces plus "twice" is a secure start.)
4. **Medicine.** Show the tablets card (and describe it aloud for a blind or low-vision child). "What should you do?" (Answer guide: don't touch, don't taste, tell a grown-up; "medicine only from a trusted grown-up".)
5. **Asking for help.** Show the pictures of grown-ups. "Who could you ask for help at school? What would you say if a friend was hurt?" (Answer guide: names or points to one trusted school grown-up; gets attention and says or shows what is wrong, for example "Excuse me, my friend is hurt".)

Record each part as secure, developing or not yet. Never record winning or losing, or anything about home.

Vocabulary

help, trusted grown-up, "Excuse me", "I need help", hurt, sick, lost, ask another grown-up

Differentiation

- Support: practise only step 1 and one sentence ("I need help"); use the card instead of speaking.
- Stretch: "What if you can't see any grown-up?" (Answer guide: go to where grown-ups usually are, such as the classroom or office; ask a friend to come with you.)
- Non-speaking children: the "I need help" card, signs or a communication device are a full answer; check the class sign or device page for "help" in advance.
- Blind or low-vision children: explore the raised-line cards; hear the scenario cards and staff pictures described (use staff names and voices).
- Deaf children: practise getting a grown-up's attention by going to them and showing the card or signing.

⚠ Safety

- No stranger-danger stories. The lesson is about asking trusted grown-ups at school.
- Role play is opt-in; nobody acts being hurt on the floor.
- Do not ask children about grown-ups, illnesses or incidents at home.
- If a child tells you something worrying, follow your school's safeguarding procedure.

Teacher notes

- Check the staff pictures with your school's photo rules; names alone are fine.
- Children may say "I'd tell my mum". Accept it warmly and add: "And at school, who could you tell?"