Moving and dodging: travelling, warming up and safe tag

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Grade 1 Health and PE: Moving and Dodging: Travelling, Warming Up and Safe Tag (5 lessons, about 3 weeks)

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Back to the grade 1 year plan - Term 1

Big idea

Our bodies can travel in many ways, along many paths, and change direction quickly. A short warm-up that starts gently and gets faster gets us ready to move. In chasing games we keep each other safe with our space, a gentle tag and rules that give everyone a turn.

This is the first health and PE unit of the grade 1 year (term 1). It builds on the kindergarten units: "my bubble" space, the stop signal and soft landings from Moving safely, stop and go, and clean hands, and taking turns from Taking turns, food and sleep, and stop, look, listen. Term 2 (planned) goes on to throwing, kicking and catching.

Outcomes

By the end of the unit a student can:

1. Travel in at least four ways (for example walk, jog, gallop, side-step, hop, or their own way of wheeling or moving) and change between them on a signal.
2. Follow a straight, curvy or zigzag pathway shown on a card.
3. Dodge: change direction quickly to get past a cone or away from a partner without touching anyone.
4. Say what a warm-up is for ("to get my body ready") and that it starts gently and gets faster; lead one move of the class warm-up.
5. Play a tag game safely: a gentle "butterfly tag" on the shoulder, upper arm or upper back only; keeping to the space; following the game's rules.

Prior knowledge

- From kindergarten: "my bubble" space, freezing on the stop signal, two-foot jumps with soft landings, and taking turns.
- Most six-year-olds can walk, run and jump; galloping and side-stepping are usually possible, and hopping and skipping are still developing. Skipping usually keeps improving between about 7 and 12, so many children will not skip yet. Praise trying and their own way of moving.
- Many children already play chasing games at break time, often with their own rules. The unit uses that knowledge and adds safety rules.

Lessons

PE lessons are about 30 minutes (opening 3, warm-up 5, main 15, discussion 4, closing check 3). Leave a day or two between lessons. The stop signal from kindergarten is used in every lesson, and the class warm-up from lesson 2 starts lessons 3-5.

Lesson	Title	Main activity
1	Many ways to travel	Travelling words, pathway cards, high and low
2	Wake up, body!	Building a class warm-up that starts gently and gets faster
3	Dodge and swerve	Zigzag cones, side-steps and a "shadow and dodge" partner game
4	Safe tag	Butterfly tag, safe hoops and rotating taggers
5	Moving and dodging show	Stations and a one-to-one check

Materials (whole class unless noted)

- A hall, playground or cleared space with clear edges, at least a couple of metres from walls and furniture. Cones or floor spots to mark the edge.
- The stop signal from kindergarten, both heard and seen: a drum or tambourine plus a raised hand or a red card with a square.
- A class list for notes (every lesson). Water available in every lesson.
- Ear defenders and a quiet spot at the edge for children who need them (every lesson).
- Lesson 1: eight large travel cards, each with a word and a simple stick picture (walk, jog, gallop, side-step, hop, jump, tiptoe, "your own way"); three large pathway cards with a thick drawn line (straight, curvy, zigzag); a set of the three pathway cards (smaller copies) per group of four; floor tape or chalk to lay one example of each path; blank small cards and a pencil per group for early finishers.
- Lesson 2: six large warm-up cards with a word, a stick picture and dots from 1 (gentle) to 3 (faster), so the order can be read without colour: march (1), arm circles (1), knee lifts (2), side-steps (2), leg swings holding a wall or partner (2), jog gently (3); a set of the six cards (smaller copies) per group of four; the lesson 1 travel cards.
- Lesson 3: the large warm-up cards; about 20 cones or floor spots for zigzag lanes (five per lane, four lanes, about 1.5 metres apart); four lane-start floor spots.
- Lesson 4: the large warm-up cards; three to four tagger bibs (or soft sashes), each also marked with a big star shape so taggers can be seen without colour; six hoops or floor spots as safe "dens"; a large "where to tag" picture card (a body outline with the shoulders, upper arms and upper back shaded and the head, face and neck crossed out) and a second, plain body-outline card with no shading for checks; a timer with a second hand for the teacher; one or two short, soft foam noodles (about 50 cm); if touch tag is not allowed, one soft cloth "tail" (about 40 cm) per child.
- Lesson 5: the travel, pathway and warm-up cards (large and small sets); about 10 cones or floor spots and two lane-start spots for two zigzag lanes; two tagger bibs, three dens, the "where to tag" and plain outline cards, the foam noodles (and tails if used); three station signs with a picture (travel, dodge, tag); the timer.
- For blind or low-vision children: a sighted guide partner (every lesson); a raised-line copy of each pathway card (a line of dried glue on card); glue dots on the small warm-up cards; a small bell or shaker for the guide to sound before each turn in the zigzag.

⚠ Safety and access

- **Space and floor:** check the space for hazards before each lesson. Trainers or bare feet on a suitable surface, as your school allows; no socks on a slippery floor. Mark edges well away from walls.
- **Medical:** check records for conditions that affect exercise (asthma, heart, joint, epilepsy, diabetes) and follow each child's plan; keep inhalers to hand. Children can rest at the edge whenever they need to.
- **Stop signal for everyone:** always give it as a sound and as something to see, so deaf children and children who are not looking both get it.
- **Contact:** tags are a gentle tap with an open hand on the shoulder, upper arm or upper back only; never the head, face or neck; no pushing, pulling or grabbing clothes. Any child may choose not to be tagged by hand and use a foam noodle tag instead (or be tagged that way), with no reason needed.
- **Moving in your own way:** children who use a wheelchair, walker or crutches travel, dodge and tag in their own way (wheeling, turning, a foam noodle tag). Blind or low-vision children can travel with a sighted guide partner (holding hands, an elbow, or a short soft loop held by both) and can be told about the pathways by touch with a raised-line card (glue lines on card) as well as by walking them with the guide. Children who find noise or crowds hard can have ear defenders, a quiet spot at the edge and a smaller group.
- **Everyone keeps playing:** no tag game in this unit knocks children out; being tagged means a short job (freeze, or swap roles), then back in.
- **Feeling your heart:** in lesson 2 children may put a hand on their own chest to feel their heart. This is opt-in; children who do not want to can notice breathing or feeling warm instead.

Assessment

- Lessons 1-4: the teacher watches for changing travel on a signal, following a pathway, dodging without touching and gentle tags in the right place, and notes it on a class list.
- Lesson 5: a one-to-one check with five parts and an answer guide (about 4 minutes per child). Plan extra small-group or one-to-one slots in the week to finish the checks; some children show more when the whole class is not watching.

Sources

- Wikipedia, "Warming up" (read 9 November 2026): https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Warming_up
- A warm-up generally has a gradual increase in intensity (a "pulse raiser"), joint mobility exercise and stretching, followed by the activity; warm-ups should be specific to the activity.
- Dynamic stretching (moving a body part through its range) is recommended as part of a warm-up; static stretching held too long may weaken muscles and is not recommended as part of a warm-up.
- Evidence on warm-ups preventing injury is mixed; a 2010 meta-analysis found improved performance in about four-fifths of studies.
- Wikipedia, "Tag (game)" (read 9 November 2026): https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tag_(game)

- Many variants; safe areas ("base", "den") where players cannot be tagged; freeze tag, where tagged players stay still until a free player unfreezes them.
- Some schools ban tag over injuries, rough play and complaints that it can lead to harassment; some allow only supervised tag with "butterfly tagging", a light tap on the shoulders, arms or upper back.
- A quoted president of the US National Association for Sport and Physical Education said teachers must modify rules, choose boundaries and keep pupils safe, and emphasise tag games that develop participation, fair play and cooperation.
- Wikipedia, "Gross motor skill" (read 9 November 2026): https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gross_motor_skill
- By 5, balance and running have improved; between about 7 and 12 children's running speed increases and they get better at skipping.
- The grade 1 year plan (health and PE, term 1).
- No health or PE standard was read for this unit.

Known gaps

- No official standard was read. The choice and order of skills is mine, based on the grade 1 year plan.
- Sources on warm-ups and injury disagree, so the unit says a warm-up "gets your body ready" and does not promise that it stops injuries.
- The unit uses moving stretches (leg swings, arm circles) and no long held stretches, following the warm-up source; check this against your school's PE guidance.
- Tag rules differ between schools; some do not allow tag. Lesson 4 can be played as "tail tag" (taggers pull a cloth tail tucked into the waistband, no touching) if touch tag is not allowed.
- Skipping is only offered as a try; many grade 1 children will not skip yet.
- Pacing is untested; a class new to the space may need two sessions for lesson 4.
- Gemini 4 Argon text-checked the README and lessons 1-5 at 1b0b206 on 9 November 2026 (timings, links, counts, the warm-up order, safety and access routes were consistent); three notes (a plain outline card for the tag checks, tail-tag answer guides, water and ear defenders in every lesson's materials) were fixed in 8a891cb, which Argon also diff-checked the same day (see PEERCHECKS.md). This is a peer check by an AI agent, not an educator review.
- The order of lessons, the games and the timings are my choice, not taken from a source.

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Lesson 1: Many ways to travel

Unit overview - Next: Lesson 2

Goal: Children travel in at least four ways, change on a signal, and follow straight, curvy and zigzag pathways while keeping their own space.

Length: about 30 minutes.

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).
- Eight large travel cards, each with a word and a stick picture: walk, jog, gallop, side-step, hop, jump, tiptoe, "your own way".
- Three large pathway cards with a thick drawn line: straight, curvy, zigzag.
- A set of the three pathway cards (smaller copies) per group of four.
- Floor tape or chalk to lay one example of each path.
- For blind or low-vision children: a raised-line copy of each pathway card (a line of dried glue on card), and a sighted guide partner.
- Blank small cards and a pencil per group (early finishers).
- 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 at the edge. "In kindergarten we learned our bubble and the stop signal. Show me your bubble with your arms. Now freeze!" (give the signal). "Today we find lots of different ways to travel."

Warm-up (5 min)

Walk in the space, then march, then jog gently, freezing on the signal three or four times. "Bubbles safe? Who is moving into the empty spaces, not following a friend?"

✎ Main activity (15 min)

1. **Travel cards (6 min).** Hold up one card at a time, say the word, and show it. Children travel that way until the stop signal. Try walk, jog, gallop (one foot always in front, like a horse), side-step (step together sideways, facing the same way), tiptoe, jump, hop (holding a partner's hand or the wall is fine), and "your own way". Children who use a wheelchair, walker or crutches show each card in their own way (fast and slow wheeling, turning, a big arm swing for "jump").
2. **High and low (3 min).** Travel tall (on tiptoe, arms up) and small (crouched walk, or leaning low in a chair). Change on the signal.

3. **Pathways (6 min).** Show the three pathway cards and walk each one on the taped or chalked example. Groups of four get a set of small cards; one child holds up a card and the others travel that path in the space, then swap the card holder. Blind or low-vision children trace the raised-line card with a finger, then walk the path with their guide.

✓ Discussion questions (4 min)

- "Which way of travelling was fastest? Which was slowest?" (Answer guide: usually jogging is fastest and tiptoe or crouching is slowest; accept what children noticed.)
- "How did you keep your bubble when everyone was zigzagging?" (Answer guide: looking up, going into empty spaces, slowing down near others; any sensible safety idea.)

✓ Closing check (3 min)

Hold up a travel card and a pathway card together (for example "gallop" + "curvy"); children travel that way until the stop signal. Do three pairs. (Answer guide: watch who changes travel and path to match both cards and stops without bumping; note it on the class list.)

Vocabulary

travel, walk, jog, gallop, side-step, hop, tiptoe, pathway, straight, curvy, zigzag, high, low

Differentiation

- Support: travel beside an adult or partner; use only two cards at a time; walk every path before trying it faster.
- Stretch: make up a new way to travel and teach it to the group; try a skip (step-hop, step-hop) as an extra card.
- Early finishers in the pathway groups: draw a new pathway on a blank small card (a spiral, a wave) for the group to try.

⚠ Safety

- Galloping and hopping can tire legs quickly; keep each turn short.
- Hopping is a try, not a test. Holding on is fine, and children may hop on either foot.
- Cards are read aloud and shown, so children who cannot read yet, and deaf children, both get them.

Teacher notes

- "Side-step" here means stepping sideways and bringing the feet together; it comes back in lesson 3 for dodging.

Lesson 2: Wake up, body!

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

Goal: Children learn that a warm-up gets the body ready, that it starts gently and gets faster, and they put a class warm-up in order.

Length: about 30 minutes.

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).
- Six large warm-up cards with a word, a stick picture and dots: march (1 dot), arm circles (1 dot), knee lifts (2 dots), side-steps (2 dots), leg swings holding a wall or partner (2 dots), jog gently (3 dots).
- A set of the six warm-up cards (smaller copies) per group of four.
- The eight travel cards from lesson 1 (for the warm-up).
- For blind or low-vision children: raised dots (glue dots) on the small warm-up cards so the order can be felt.
- 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. "Who has seen a cat wake up? It stretches and moves slowly first, then it can run." Ask: "What do you think a warm-up is?" (Accept ideas.) Say: "A warm-up gets our bodies ready to move. It starts gently and gets faster."

Warm-up (5 min)

Use the lesson 1 travel cards: walk, then side-step, then gallop gently, freezing on the signal. "This was a warm-up too. Did it start gently?"

✎ Main activity (15 min)

1. **Learn the moves (5 min).** Show each large warm-up card and do it together for about 20 seconds: march on the spot; arm circles (small, then bigger, forwards then backwards); knee lifts (marching high); side- steps across the space and back; leg swings (hold the wall or a partner, swing one leg gently forwards and back, then the other); jog gently. Point out the dots: one dot is gentle, three dots is faster. Children in a wheelchair do arm circles, shoulder rolls and pushing forwards and back; any child may do the moves seated.

2. **Feel the change (3 min).** After the jog, freeze. "Put a hand on your chest if you want to. Can you feel your heart? Is it faster than when we sat down?" (Usually yes.) Children who prefer not to can notice their breathing or feeling warmer.
3. **Order the warm-up (7 min).** Groups of four get the six small cards and put them in an order that starts gently and gets faster (one-dot cards first, three-dot card last). Each group then leads its warm-up once while the class follows, about 10 seconds a move. Blind or low-vision children feel the glue dots to sort the cards.

✓ Discussion questions (4 min)

- "Why do we start gently, not with our fastest running?" (Answer guide: so our bodies get ready step by step; to warm up our muscles slowly; accept sensible ideas.)
- "When else might people warm up?" (Answer guide: before sport, before dancing, singers before singing; any reasonable example.)

✓ Closing check (3 min)

Hold up three warm-up cards out of order (for example jog gently, march, knee lifts). "Which comes first, and which comes last?" Children point or say. (Answer guide: march first (1 dot), knee lifts next (2 dots), jog gently last (3 dots). Note who orders them correctly.)

Vocabulary

warm-up, gently, faster, heart, breathing, ready, muscles

Differentiation

- Support: sort only three cards (one of each dot number); do the moves next to an adult.
- Stretch: add a move of their own and decide how many dots it gets.
- Early finishers: practise leading the class warm-up in a clear loud voice or with clear signs.

⚠ Safety

- Leg swings are always done holding a wall or a partner, and gently.
- No long held stretches in this warm-up; we keep moving.
- Feeling your heart is opt-in. Never ask a child to touch someone else's chest.
- Water available; children with asthma follow their plan and may rest.

Teacher notes

- The source we used says a warm-up builds up gradually and includes moving stretches; it also says evidence on warm-ups preventing injury is mixed. So say "gets our bodies ready", not "stops us getting hurt".
- Keep the class warm-up from this lesson; it starts lessons 3-5.

Lesson 3: Dodge and swerve

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

Goal: Children change direction quickly to get past a cone or away from a partner, without touching anyone.

Length: about 30 minutes.

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 lesson 2.
- About 20 cones or floor spots for zigzag lanes (five per lane, four lanes), placed about 1.5 metres apart in a zigzag.
- Four lane-start floor spots.
- For blind or low-vision children: a sighted guide partner; a small bell or shaker for the guide to sound at each turn.
- 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. "Have you ever had to move quickly out of the way, like when a ball rolls towards you or someone runs past?" Show a dodge: walk forwards, plant one foot, push off it and go the other way. "That's a dodge. Today we learn to dodge and swerve."

Warm-up (5 min)

The class warm-up from lesson 2, led by one group using the large cards.

✎ Main activity (15 min)

1. **Zigzag lanes (6 min).** Groups line up at the four lane-start spots. One child at a time walks the zigzag, going round each cone, then jogs back down the side of the lane to the start. Second turn: side-step the zigzag. Third turn: jog it, "push off your outside foot to turn". Next child starts when the one in front reaches the second cone.
2. **Shadow and dodge (6 min).** Pairs, in their own part of the space. One is the "shadow", one the "dodger". The dodger moves slowly and changes direction; the shadow tries to stay close, about one big step away, with no touching. On the signal, freeze: "Shadows, could you reach your dodger with one step?" Swap roles. Then speed up a little.

3. **Fake and go (3 min).** Pairs again: the dodger leans one way, then goes the other. Shadows try not to be fooled. Swap.

✓ Discussion questions (4 min)

- "What helped you dodge quickly?" (Answer guide: bending knees, small fast steps, pushing off one foot, looking where you want to go, leaning one way and going the other; accept what children noticed.)
- "How did you keep from touching your partner?" (Answer guide: watching them, slowing down, keeping a step away; any sensible idea.)

✓ Closing check (3 min)

Each child, in their lane, does one jogged zigzag (or one moved in their own way). (Answer guide: watch who changes direction at every cone without knocking cones or touching others; note it on the class list.)

Vocabulary

dodge, swerve, change direction, zigzag, push off, fake, shadow

Differentiation

- Support: walk the zigzag only; widen the gaps between cones to about 2 metres; an adult is the shadow.
- Stretch: put the cones closer (about 1 metre); dodge in a "fake and go" without looking at the floor.
- Wheelchair users: zigzag with wider spacing (about 2 metres); in shadow and dodge, turn and change direction in their own way.
- Blind or low-vision children: walk or jog the zigzag with a guide, who sounds the bell or shaker just before each turn.
- Early finishers: help reset knocked cones.

⚠ Safety

- Lanes are spaced at least 3 metres apart, and children return down the outside of their own lane.
- Shadows never grab or touch; it is a game of staying close, not catching.
- Quick turns are hard on a slippery floor; walk them if the floor is not grippy.

Teacher notes

- Watch for children who turn by stopping completely. Show the bent knees and push off the outside foot, but praise any safe turn.
- Lesson 4 uses these dodges in a tag game.

Lesson 4: Safe tag

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

Goal: Children play tag safely: gentle butterfly tags in the right place, keeping to the space, using dodges, and following rules that give everyone a turn.

Length: about 30 minutes.

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 lesson 2.
- Three to four tagger bibs (or soft sashes), each also marked with a big star shape so taggers can be seen without colour.
- Six hoops or floor spots as safe "dens".
- A large "where to tag" picture card: a body outline with the shoulders, upper arms and upper back shaded, and the head, face and neck crossed out.
- A second, plain body-outline card with no shading, for the closing check.
- A timer with a second hand for the teacher.
- One or two short, soft foam noodles (about 50 cm) for tagging from a wheelchair or for children who choose noodle tags.
- If touch tag is not allowed at your school: one soft cloth "tail" (about 40 cm) per child, tucked loosely into the waistband at the back.
- For blind or low-vision children: a sighted guide partner.
- 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. "Who plays chasing games at break time? What are they called?" (Accept names: tag, tig, it, chase.) "Some chasing games can end with someone getting hurt or upset. Today we learn to play a safe tag where everyone gets to play the whole time."

Warm-up (5 min)

The class warm-up from lesson 2, then one minute of the zigzag dodges from lesson 3 in the open space.

✎ Main activity (15 min)

1. **Safe tag rules (3 min).** Show the "where to tag" card. "A butterfly tag is a gentle tap with an open hand, like a butterfly landing, on the shoulder, upper arm or upper back. Never the head, face or neck. No pushing, pulling or grabbing clothes." Practise: each

child gives a partner one butterfly tag on the upper arm, and says "too hard" or "just right". Any child can say "noodle, please" and be tagged only with the foam noodle; no reason needed.

2. **Freeze tag with dens (10 min).** Three or four taggers wear the star bibs. Tagged players freeze with arms out wide. A free player unfreezes them by gently tapping their hand. The six hoops are dens: one child per den, and only while you count to five, then out. Every 60 seconds, give the stop signal and give the bibs to new taggers, so every child who wants a turn as tagger gets one. Nobody is ever out.
3. **Check the rules (2 min).** Stop. "Hands up if you got a butterfly tag that was too hard." Talk about it calmly, without blaming, and play one more round.

✓ Discussion questions (4 min)

- "Why do we change the taggers every minute?" (Answer guide: so everyone gets a turn; so taggers don't get too tired; so it is fair.)
- "What makes tag fun and safe for everyone?" (Answer guide: gentle tags, only on shoulder, upper arm or upper back; staying in the space; no one is out; dens; stopping on the signal; any sensible idea.)

✓ Closing check (3 min)

Show the plain body-outline card (no shading). "Point to where a butterfly tag goes." Then: "Tell your partner one rule of safe tag." (Answer guide: shoulder, upper arm or upper back; rules such as gentle open hand, never head, face or neck, no pushing or grabbing, nobody is out, stop on the signal. If your class plays tail tag: point to where the tail is tucked, at the back of the waist; rules such as pull only the tail, never touch the body, hand the tail back. Note who points to the right place and names a rule.)

Vocabulary

tag, tagger, butterfly tag, gentle, den, freeze, unfreeze, fair, rule

Differentiation

- Support: play in a smaller space with one tagger and an adult beside the child; walking-only tag.
- Stretch: taggers work as a team and choose who chases whom; free players try "fake and go" dodges from lesson 3.
- Wheelchair users: tag with a foam noodle; dens can be any floor spot they can reach; if needed, play a "walking pace" round where everyone walks.
- Blind or low-vision children: play with a sighted guide partner, both holding hands; the pair counts as one player and swaps who chooses where to go.
- Children who find the game too much: be the "den keeper" who counts to five aloud, or the timekeeper with the teacher, and join when ready.

⚠ Safety

- Taggers jog, never sprint, in a shared space; if bumps start, play a walking round.
- Mark the edges well away from walls and poles; nobody runs near the edges.
- Respect "noodle, please" every time.
- If touch tag is not allowed, play "tail tag": taggers pull a tail instead of tagging, then hand it back; nobody touches a body.

Teacher notes

- Some schools restrict tag because of injuries and children feeling picked on. Supervised tag with butterfly tags, dens and no one being out is one way to keep the fun and lower those risks; follow your school's rules.
- Watch who never asks to be tagger and offer them a turn quietly.

Lesson 5: Moving and dodging show

Unit overview - Previous: Lesson 4

Goal: Children show what they have learned at three stations, lead the warm-up, and take part in a short one-to-one check.

Length: about 30 minutes, plus one-to-one check slots in the week.

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 eight travel cards and three large pathway cards from lesson 1, and a set of small pathway cards.
- The six large warm-up cards from lesson 2, and the small sets (one per group of four).
- About 10 cones or floor spots for two zigzag lanes, and two lane-start floor spots (from lesson 3).
- Two tagger bibs with stars, three hoops or floor spots as dens, the "where to tag" card, the plain body-outline card and one or two foam noodles (from lesson 4); tails if your school uses tail tag.
- Three station signs with a picture: travel, dodge, tag.
- A timer with a second hand for the teacher.
- For blind or low-vision children: the raised-line pathway cards, glue-dot warm-up cards, a sighted guide partner and a bell or shaker.
- Water.
- Ear defenders and a quiet spot at the edge for children who need them.
- A class list for notes, and the one-to-one check below.

Steps

✎ Opening (3 min)

Sitting. "This is our show lesson. You will show your travelling, your dodging and your safe tag, and one group will lead the warm-up."

Warm-up (5 min)

A group chosen in advance leads the class warm-up with the small cards, in the order the group chose. Any child can lead a move by doing it, by saying it, or by holding up the card.

✎ Main activity: stations (15 min)

Three groups rotate every 5 minutes on the stop signal.

1. **Travel station.** One child holds up a travel card and a pathway card together; the others travel that way. Swap the card holder each time.

2. **Dodge station.** Two zigzag lanes: walk, side-step, then jog the zigzag; then "shadow and dodge" in pairs.
3. **Tag station.** Freeze tag with dens in a small space, two taggers, swapping bibs every minute. An adult stays at this station.

The teacher moves between stations, noting on the class list.

✓ Discussion questions (4 min)

- "What can you do now that you couldn't do at the start?" (Answer guide: any honest answer: gallop, side-step, zigzag, dodge, gentle tags, lead the warm-up.)
- "What would you teach a younger child about safe tag?" (Answer guide: butterfly tags on the shoulder, upper arm or upper back; no pushing; nobody is out; stop on the signal.)

✓ Closing check (3 min)

Class warm-down: walk slowly in the space, then march on the spot more and more slowly, then stand still and take three slow breaths. "Is your body calmer now?" (Answer guide: children show a thumb up, middle or down, or say it. This is a feelings check, not a right or wrong answer.)

One-to-one check (about 4 minutes per child)

Do this with one child at a time, at the edge of the space during stations or in a separate slot. Children show in their own way; moving in their own way counts as success.

1. **Travel.** Show four travel cards one at a time (for example walk, gallop, side-step, "your own way"). (Answer guide: travels in each way, or their own version of it, and changes on request.)
2. **Pathway.** Show the zigzag card. "Travel this path to the cone and back." (Answer guide: clear changes of direction, not a straight line.)
3. **Dodge.** Set three cones in a zigzag. "Go round the cones and come back." (Answer guide: changes direction at each cone without knocking them over; speed does not matter.)
4. **Warm-up.** "What is a warm-up for? Does it start gently or fast?" (Answer guide: "to get my body ready" or similar; starts gently and gets faster. Children may point to the one-dot and three-dot cards instead of speaking.)
5. **Safe tag.** Show the plain body-outline card (no shading). "Point to where a butterfly tag goes, and tell me one safe tag rule." (Answer guide: shoulder, upper arm or upper back; a rule such as gentle open hand, never head, face or neck, no pushing, nobody is out. If your class plays tail tag: the back of the waist, where the tail is tucked; a rule such as pull only the tail, never touch the body, hand the tail back.)

Vocabulary

travel, pathway, dodge, warm-up, warm-down, butterfly tag, station

Differentiation

- Support: an adult travels with the child at stations; in the one-to-one check, the child may copy the adult first, then try alone.
- Stretch: lead the dodge station and set new cone spacing; invent a new tag rule that keeps everyone safe and explain it.
- Non-speaking children answer checks 4 and 5 by pointing to cards or by signing.
- Early finishers at a station: help reset cones or hold the cards.

⚠ Safety

- Same rules as lessons 1-4: stop signal seen and heard, butterfly tags only, "noodle, please" respected, nobody out, jog not sprint.
- An adult stays at the tag station.
- Water available; children may rest at the edge.

Teacher notes

- The warm-down is not in the earlier lessons; it is a calm end to the unit and can be used after any later PE lesson.
- Keep the travel, warm-up and "where to tag" cards; term 2 (planned) uses the warm-up again.