Healthy habits and a class game day

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Grade 2 Health and PE: Healthy Habits and a Class Game Day (5 lessons, about 3 weeks)

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Back to the grade 2 year plan - Term 3. Builds on grade 2 terms 1 and 2 Balance, rolling and jumping and Hitting and passing (the game-day stations reuse those skills) and grade 1 Fair games, teeth, medicines and help (fair play and asking an adult for help)

Big idea

Moving makes our hearts beat faster and our breathing quicker, and using our own body weight, as in animal walks, makes muscles stronger. A healthy day has a balance of playing, resting, drinking water and eating. On a hot or sunny day we drink water, find shade, cover up as the school says, and tell an adult if we feel unwell. Washing hands well, including the thumbs, wrists, between the fingers and under the nails, helps stop germs spreading. A class game day is more fun and fairer when everyone has helped make the rules.

This is the third health and PE unit of the grade 2 year (term 3). In term 1 children balanced, rolled and jumped on mats; in term 2 they hit and passed balloons and soft balls. This unit adds healthy habits and ends with a class game day that uses skills from the whole year.

Outcomes

By the end of the unit a student can:

1. Move like two animals using their own body weight (for example a bear walk and a crab walk, or a seated or wall version), and name one activity that helps make the body stronger or fitter.
2. Say two ways to keep well on a hot or sunny day (drink water, rest in the shade, wear a hat or cover up as the school says) and one sign that means "stop and tell an adult" (feeling dizzy, a headache, feeling sick or very tired).
3. Show the hand-washing steps (wet, soap, palms, backs, between the fingers, thumbs, under the nails, rinse, dry) and say one time to wash hands (after the toilet, before eating, after playing outside).
4. Say how playing, resting, drinking water and eating fit together in a healthy day (a "good health balance").
5. Help make a class rule for game day, say why it matters, and follow the class rules at the game-day stations.

Prior knowledge

- From kindergarten and grade 1: "my bubble" space, the stop signal, the class warm-up, hand-washing with soap and water, taking turns, fair games and telling an adult when something is wrong.
- From grade 2 terms 1 and 2: working on your own spot, balancing on different body parts, hitting a balloon in a row, passing to a partner, the "fair ways" card for disagreements.
- Children come with very different home routines. This unit never asks what children eat or drink at home, when they go to bed, or what they wear or own. Habits are talked about through made-up characters from Little Hill and through what we do at school.

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 is used in every lesson, and the class warm-up from grade 1 starts every lesson.

Lesson	Title	Main activity
1	Strong bodies, beating hearts	Animal walks with our own body weight; noticing breathing and heartbeat after moving; resting when we need to
2	Water, shade and keeping cool	A gentle circuit with water breaks; the "keeping cool" cards; signs that mean stop and tell an adult (made-up characters)
3	Clean hands and a balanced day	Hand-washing steps with a washable-marker check; the "good health balance" wheel
4	Making our game-day rules	Trying the four game-day stations; groups suggest rules; the class agrees its rule card
5	Class game day	Stations with the class rules, water and rest breaks; one-to-one check

Materials (whole class unless noted)

- A hall or cleared indoor space with a non-slip floor, away from walls, windows and lights; or a shady, flat outdoor area if the weather and your school allow. Cones or floor spots to mark the edge.
- About 30 floor spots or hoops, one per child (every lesson).
- The stop signal, both heard and seen: a drum or tambourine plus a raised hand or a red card with a square (every lesson).
- The six grade 1 warm-up cards (march, arm circles, knee lifts, side-steps, leg swings holding a wall or partner, jog gently) (every lesson).
- A "rest card" for each child or a rest spot at the edge marked with a green cushion or mat: going there needs no reason (every lesson).
- Each child's own labelled water bottle, or cups and a jug of drinking water poured by an adult (every lesson; never shared).
- Lesson 1: four animal-walk picture cards (bear walk, crab walk, frog jump, wall push), and a seated version on each card (seated arm push-up from the chair arms or floor, seated "crab" lift of the hips if able, pressing palms together hard).
- Lesson 2: five "keeping cool" picture cards (water bottle, shade tree, hat, rest spot, adult helper); four "How is Goat feeling?" story cards (see lesson 2); four cones for a gentle circuit, each with a picture of its move (march, side-steps, gallop, balance on one foot).
- Lessons 3 and 5: sinks with soap and paper towels (or a hand-washing station with warm water, soap, a bowl and paper towels set up by an adult).

- Lesson 3: a "washing steps" picture strip (wet, soap, palms, backs, between the fingers, thumbs, under the nails, rinse, dry); one washable felt-tip pen (an adult uses it) and a few stickers; a sand timer or a slow count to 20; the "good health balance" wheel, a large card circle cut into four parts (play, rest, water, food) with a picture on each part; four "Little Hill day" picture cards (see lesson 3).
- Lessons 4 and 5 (game-day stations): balance line (floor tape or a long rope laid flat); balloon keep-up (latex-free balloons blown up and tied by an adult, a few beach balls or very light foam balls, and a lidded box for burst pieces); beanbag toss (beanbags and three hoops at different distances, with a throwing line of floor tape); animal-walk path (cones and the four lesson 1 cards). Four station signs with pictures.
- Lesson 4: a large blank "Our game-day rules" card and a thick pen; four "rule idea" picture cards (safety, taking turns, kind words, water and rest); one sticky dot per child for choosing.
- Lesson 5: the class's own "Our game-day rules" card from lesson 4; the "fair ways" card from grade 2 term 2 (stop; say what you saw; listen; choose: do it again, take turns, or ask the referee); at the check spot, the keeping cool cards, the washing-steps strip and the wheel.
- A second adult if possible (lesson 3 for small-group washing; lesson 5 to watch the stations during the checks).
- A class list for notes (every lesson).
- Ear defenders and a quiet spot at the edge for children who need them (every lesson; balloons can burst with a bang in lessons 4 and 5).
- For blind or low-vision children: a sighted guide partner (every lesson); a sound balloon (bell or dried beans inside, added by an adult) or a bell ball (lessons 4 and 5); raised-line (dried glue) copies of the washing-steps strip and of the rule card.

⚠ Safety and access

- **Heat and sun:** follow your school's sun and heat policy. On a hot day, move every lesson indoors or into full shade, shorten the circuit and add water breaks. Hats and covering up follow school rules. Children never put sun cream on each other; if sun cream is used, follow the school's policy. Never look at the Sun.
- **Water:** each child drinks from their own bottle or cup only. Water is offered at every break; no child is made to drink or praised for drinking a lot.
- **Feeling unwell:** any child who says or shows they feel dizzy, has a headache, feels sick, is very hot or very tired stops, sits in the shade or a cool place and is looked after by an adult, following the school's first-aid plan.
- **Hearts and breathing:** children may notice their own breathing or put a hand on their own chest if they want to. Nobody counts, records or compares heartbeats, breaths, weight or any body measure.
- **Animal walks:** short turns (about 20 seconds), on a non-slip floor, with lots of space. Crab and bear walks put weight on the wrists; any child with wrist, shoulder or joint pain uses the wall push or a seated version. Frog jumps land on two feet with bent knees, never onto anyone.
- **Hand-washing:** an adult uses the washable felt-tip pen only on children who agree, on the back of the hand and the thumb only (never near eyes or on broken or sore skin, and not for children with eczema or skin allergies); those children watch or use a sticker instead. Check soap allergies. Wipe up water spills at once.

- **Latex and balloons (lessons 4 and 5):** latex-free balloons only, blown up and tied by an adult. Burst pieces go straight into the lidded box; children tell an adult and do not pick them up.
- **Medical:** check records for conditions that affect exercise or heat (asthma, heart, diabetes, epilepsy, and any others) and follow each child's plan; keep inhalers to hand.
- **Opt-in:** every activity is an invitation. Children may rest at any time with the rest card and no reason. "Your own way counts" is said in every lesson.
- **Moving in your own way:** a child who uses a wheelchair or walker does seated versions of the animal moves, moves along the circuit in their chair, and plays every station from their chair (balance station: hold a balance shape in the chair or steer along the line). Blind or low-vision children use a sighted guide, a sound balloon and the raised-line cards; deaf children get every instruction shown as well as said.
- **Privacy:** no questions about home food, drinks, bedtimes, clothes or routines. Stories use made-up characters.

Assessment

- Lessons 1-4: the teacher watches for safe animal walks (or a chosen version), choosing water and rest, the hand-washing steps, and helping to make and keep rules, and notes it on a class list.
- Lesson 5: a one-to-one check with five parts and an answer guide (about 3 minutes per child), done while the class plays at the stations. Plan extra small-group or one-to-one slots in the week to finish the checks. Each part is marked yes / with help / not yet. No body measure is ever part of the mark.

Sources

- SHAPE America, "Grade-Level Outcomes for K-12 Physical Education" (2013), read 10 and 11 November 2026; grade 2 quotations checked against page images: https://www.shapeamerica.org/wp-content/uploads/Grade-Level-Outcomes-for-K-12-Physical-Education.pdf
- S3.E3.2a: "Uses own body as resistance (e.g., holds body in plank position, animal walks) for developing strength."
- S3.E3.2b: "Identifies physical activities that contribute to fitness."
- S3.E6.2 (nutrition): "Recognizes the "good health balance" of good nutrition with physical activity."
- S5.E1.2: "Recognizes the value of "good health balance.""
- S4.E2.2: "Accepts responsibility for class protocols with behavior and performance actions."
- S4.E5.2: "Recognizes the role of rules and etiquette in teacher-designed physical activities."
- S5.E2.2: "Compares physical activities that bring confidence and challenge."
- Fitness knowledge about warm-up and cool-down (S3.E4) first appears in grade 3 in this document, so the warm-up here is a routine, not a taught outcome.
- Wikipedia, "Hand washing" (read 6 November 2026): https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hand_washing
- Steps: lather the backs of hands, between fingers and under nails; scrub for at least 20 seconds; rinse well under running water; dry with a clean towel or air dry.
- The most commonly missed areas are the thumb, the wrist, between the fingers and under the fingernails.
- Critical times include after using the toilet and before eating.
- Frequent hand washing can dry the skin.

- Wikipedia, "Sunburn" (read 11 November 2026): https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sunburn
- "Sun protective measures like sunscreen and sun protective clothing are widely accepted to prevent sunburn and some types of skin cancer." It adds that children are especially susceptible to sunburn.
- Wikipedia, "Heat illness" (read 11 November 2026): https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Heat_illness
- Prevention includes gradual adjustment to heat and sufficient fluids; very young children are at higher risk of heat-related illness; symptoms of heat exhaustion may include headache, nausea, dizziness and feeling unwell, and treatment includes removing the person from the heat and replenishing fluids.
- KidsHealth (Nemours), "What's a Healthy Alternative to Water?" (read 11 November 2026; the page served is the version for teens): https://kidshealth.org/en/kids/water.html
- "Water is always the best way to hydrate and avoid empty calories."
- The grade 2 year plan (health and PE, term 3).

Known gaps and cautions

- SHAPE America's outcomes are physical education outcomes. No health education standard was read for this unit; the water, sun, heat and hand-washing content rests on the general sources above and needs a check against your school's health guidance.
- The quoted SHAPE outcomes are one US framework; the unit quotes them but is not a full alignment.
- The year plan assumes children can go outside and that summer sun is a concern. Schools in other climates, or in a cold or rainy term, should keep the lessons indoors and swap the sun examples for their own weather.
- The four-part "good health balance" wheel (play, rest, water, food), the "keeping cool" cards, the signs to tell an adult as worded here and the stories are my own simplifications, not taken from a source. The wheel does not sort foods into good and bad.
- Sleep is mentioned only through a made-up character; the unit does not teach how many hours to sleep and never asks about children's bedtimes.
- Grade 2 social-interaction outcomes (S5.E4) first appear in grade 3 in the source; the rule-making in lessons 4 and 5 follows S4.E2.2 and S4.E5.2 instead.
- Pacing is untested. Hand-washing at sinks in lesson 3 takes longer with few sinks; split the class or wash in groups across the day.
- The order of lessons, the games, the stations, the equipment list and the timings are my choice, not taken from a source.
- Three other agents (Gemini 3.8 Flash, Gemini 4 Carbon and Gemini 4 Argon, all at 120023f) text-checked this unit on 2026-11-11 and reported no errors in the unit files. Argon also reported a missing note in the grade 2 year plan, fixed separately. Those are text checks by AI agents, not a teacher review or classroom test.

Lesson 1: Strong bodies, beating hearts

Unit overview - Next: Lesson 2

Goal: Children use their own body weight in animal walks to help make muscles stronger, notice that moving makes breathing quicker and the heart beat faster, and choose to rest when they need to.

Length: about 30 minutes.

Materials

- The cleared space, edge cones, and floor spots or hoops, one per child.
- The stop signal (drum or tambourine plus a raised hand or red card with a square).
- The six grade 1 warm-up cards.
- The rest spot at the edge (green cushion or mat) or a rest card for each child.
- Four animal-walk picture cards (bear walk, crab walk, frog jump, wall push), each with a seated version.
- Each child's own labelled water bottle, or cups and a jug of drinking water poured by an adult.
- For blind or low-vision children: a sighted guide partner.
- 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. "This term is about keeping our bodies well: moving, resting, water, clean hands. At the end we will have a class game day, and you will help make the rules." Show the rest spot: "If you need a rest, go there. You don't need to tell anyone why." Agree the stop signal: freeze where you are. "Your own way counts."

Warm-up (5 min)

The class warm-up from grade 1, using the six cards: march, arm circles, knee lifts, side-steps, leg swings holding a wall or partner, jog gently.

✎ Main activity (15 min)

1. **Quiet bodies (2 min).** Children sit on their spots. "Put a hand on your chest or tummy if you want to. Is your breathing slow or quick?" Nothing is counted.
2. **Animal walks (8 min).** Show one card at a time and model it. Each turn is about 20 seconds, then the stop signal and a short rest.
3. **Bear walk:** hands and feet on the floor, bottom up, walk slowly forwards.
4. **Crab walk:** sit, hands behind, lift the bottom a little, walk slowly backwards or sideways. (Look over your shoulder first.)

5. **Frog jump:** squat, hands on the floor between the feet, jump a small way forward and land on two feet with bent knees.
6. **Wall push:** stand facing a wall, hands flat on it at shoulder height, bend the arms and push away, slowly, five times. "When you move your own body like this, your muscles work hard and get stronger." Seated versions are always on the card: push up on the chair arms or hands on the floor, lift the hips a little, press palms together hard and count to five.
7. **Notice again (2 min).** Sit on the spot. "Hand on your chest or tummy if you want to. Is your breathing slower or quicker than before? Is your heart beating harder?" Children may say, sign or show with a hand moving fast or slow.
8. **Water and rest (3 min).** Everyone has a drink from their own bottle or cup. "When we move a lot, our bodies need rest and water. Rest is part of playing well, not giving up."

✓ Discussion questions (4 min)

1. "What happened to your breathing after the animal walks?" (It got quicker; our heart beat faster.)
2. "Which animal walks made your arms or legs work hard?" (Any honest answer, for example bear walk for arms, frog jump for legs.)
3. "Can you name another activity that helps make your body stronger or fitter?" (For example climbing, swimming, running games, dancing, cycling, skipping; any active play.)

✓ Closing check (3 min)

The teacher says three sentences; children show thumbs up for true, thumbs down for false (or say or sign "yes" or "no").

1. "When we move fast, our heart beats faster and we breathe quicker." (True.)
2. "Animal walks use our own body to make muscles work." (True.)
3. "If we need a rest, we have to tell everyone why." (False: we go to the rest spot, no reason needed.)

Vocabulary

muscles, strong, heart, breathing, quicker, slower, rest, body weight

Differentiation

- **More support:** shorter turns; do the wall push instead of bear or crab walk; a partner walks beside.
- **More challenge:** bear walk sideways, or hold a still bear shape for a count of five (a "plank" on hands and feet).
- **Moving in your own way:** children who use a wheelchair do the seated versions; blind or low-vision children move with a sighted guide calling the direction; deaf children follow the cards and the teacher's model.

⚠ Safety

- Lots of space between children; walks go in the same direction, slowly.
- Crab and bear walks load the wrists: children with wrist, shoulder or joint pain use the wall push or a seated version.
- Frog jumps are small and land on two feet, never onto anyone.
- Nobody counts, records or compares heartbeats or breaths.
- Water from each child's own bottle or cup only.

Teacher notes and misconceptions

- Some children think being out of breath means something is wrong. Quicker breathing after moving is usual; say so. If a child seems very unwell, stop and follow the school's first-aid plan.
- Some children think resting means they "lost". Praise choosing rest.
- Do not ask children which sports they do outside school; let them offer ideas for the discussion if they want to.

Lesson 2: Water, shade and keeping cool

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

Goal: Children say ways to keep well on a hot or sunny day (water, shade, a hat or covering up, rest) and the signs that mean "stop and tell an adult", and practise taking water and rest breaks during a gentle circuit.

Length: about 30 minutes.

Materials

- The cleared space (indoors, or a shady outdoor area if the weather and your school allow), edge cones, and floor spots or hoops, one per child.
- The stop signal (drum or tambourine plus a raised hand or red card with a square).
- The six grade 1 warm-up cards.
- The rest spot at the edge (green cushion or mat) or a rest card for each child.
- Five "keeping cool" picture cards: water bottle, shade tree, hat, rest spot, adult helper.
- Four "How is Goat feeling?" story cards (below).
- Four cones for the circuit, each with a picture of its move (march, side-steps, gallop, balance on one foot).
- Each child's own labelled water bottle, or cups and a jug of drinking water poured by an adult.
- For blind or low-vision children: a sighted guide partner.
- 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. "Last time our hearts beat faster and we needed rest and water. Today: how do we keep well when it is hot or sunny?" Remind the class of the rest spot and the stop signal. "Your own way counts."

Warm-up (5 min)

The class warm-up from grade 1, using the six cards: march, arm circles, knee lifts, side-steps, leg swings holding a wall or partner, jog gently.

✎ Main activity (15 min)

1. **Keeping cool cards (3 min).** Show the five cards one at a time. Children say or sign what each one is and how it helps: water (our bodies need it, more when we move or it is hot), shade (out of the hot sun), hat or covering up (as the school says), rest (slow down when hot or tired), adult helper (tell them if you feel unwell).
2. **Gentle circuit with breaks (7 min).** Four cones in a big circle, each with a move: march, side-steps, gallop, balance on one foot (or hold a still shape) for a slow count of

five. Children move round in the same direction. After about two minutes, give the stop signal: "Water and shade break." Everyone drinks from their own bottle or cup and sits in the shade or at the edge for about a minute. Repeat once more. Anyone may go to the rest spot at any time.

3. **How is Goat feeling? (5 min).** Goat is visiting Little Hill from Snowy Peak, where it is cold. Show the cards one at a time; children decide what Goat should do.
4. **Card 1:** It is a hot, sunny day. Goat runs and runs in the middle of the field. Goat has no hat and left its water bottle in the classroom. (Get the water bottle, play in the shade, wear a hat as the school says, take rests.)
5. **Card 2:** Goat stops. Goat feels dizzy and has a headache. (Stop, sit somewhere cool or in the shade, tell an adult straight away.)
6. **Card 3:** Duck is playing too. Duck has a drink from its own bottle and sits under a tree for a rest, then plays again. (Duck is keeping cool; resting is part of playing.)
7. **Card 4:** Goat wants to share a drink from Duck's bottle. (Each person drinks from their own bottle or cup; ask an adult for a cup.) Goat thanks everyone: "Next time I will bring my water, rest in the shade, and tell an adult if I feel funny."

✓ Discussion questions (4 min)

1. "Why do we need more water when we move a lot or it is hot?" (Our bodies get hot and sweaty and lose water; drinking helps us keep well.)
2. "What are some signs that mean stop and tell an adult?" (Feeling dizzy, a headache, feeling sick, feeling very hot or very tired.)
3. "Why do we each drink from our own bottle or cup?" (So we do not pass germs to each other.)

✓ Closing check (3 min)

The teacher says three sentences; children show thumbs up for true, thumbs down for false (or say or sign "yes" or "no").

1. "On a hot day, playing in the shade can help us keep cool." (True.)
2. "If we feel dizzy, we keep running and don't tell anyone." (False: stop, sit somewhere cool and tell an adult.)
3. "It is fine to share a friend's water bottle." (False: each person uses their own bottle or cup.)

Vocabulary

hot, cool, shade, water, thirsty, dizzy, headache, rest, sun

Differentiation

- **More support:** walk the circuit instead of galloping; hold a wall or partner at the balance cone; point to the keeping cool cards instead of saying them.
- **More challenge:** in the discussion, think of a way to keep cool that is not on the cards (for example a cool, wet cloth on the neck given by an adult, or a fan).

- **Moving in your own way:** children who use a wheelchair move round the circuit in their chair and do a seated balance shape at the balance cone; blind or low-vision children use a sighted guide; deaf children use the cone pictures and the seen stop signal.

⚠ Safety

- Follow your school's sun and heat policy. On a hot day, stay indoors or in full shade, shorten the circuit and add more water breaks.
- Never look at the Sun.
- No child is made to drink or praised for drinking more than others.
- Any child who seems unwell stops at once and is looked after by an adult, following the school's first-aid plan.
- Children never put sun cream on each other.

Teacher notes and misconceptions

- Some children think "keeping cool" means only on summer holidays. Moving hard indoors makes us hot too.
- Some children think a hat is enough on its own. Water, shade and rest matter as well.
- The card stories use Goat so that no child is asked about their own family's habits, clothes or drinks.
- In a cold or rainy term, keep the lesson indoors and talk about how moving makes us hot even on a cold day; keep the water breaks.

Lesson 3: Clean hands and a balanced day

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

Goal: Children show the hand-washing steps, find the places that are often missed, say when to wash hands, and say how playing, resting, water and food fit together in a healthy day.

Length: about 30 minutes.

Materials

- The cleared space or the classroom, near sinks.
- The stop signal (drum or tambourine plus a raised hand or red card with a square).
- The six grade 1 warm-up cards.
- The rest spot at the edge (green cushion or mat) or a rest card for each child.
- Sinks with soap and paper towels, or a hand-washing station with warm water, soap, a bowl and paper towels set up by an adult.
- The "washing steps" picture strip: wet, soap, palms, backs, between the fingers, thumbs, under the nails, rinse, dry.
- One washable felt-tip pen (an adult uses it) and a few stickers.
- A sand timer, or a slow count to 20.
- The "good health balance" wheel: a large card circle cut into four parts (play, rest, water, food), with a picture on each part.
- Four "Little Hill day" picture cards (below).
- Each child's own labelled water bottle, or cups and a jug of drinking water poured by an adult.
- For blind or low-vision children: a sighted guide partner and a raised-line (dried glue) copy of the washing-steps strip.
- Ear defenders and a quiet spot at the edge for children who need them.
- A class list for notes.
- A second adult if possible (for small-group washing at the sinks).

Steps

✎ Opening (3 min)

Sitting together. "Germs are too small to see. Washing our hands with soap and water helps stop them spreading. Today we will find the places that are easy to miss." Remind the class of the stop signal and the rest spot. "Your own way counts."

Warm-up (5 min)

The class warm-up from grade 1, using the six cards: march, arm circles, knee lifts, side-steps, leg swings holding a wall or partner, jog gently. Finish with "air washing": everyone does the washing steps in the air with no water.

✎ Main activity (15 min)

1. **The washing steps (3 min).** Show the strip. Everyone does each step "in the air" with the teacher: wet, soap, rub palms, rub the backs, fingers between fingers, hold each thumb and twist, scratch the nails on the other palm, rinse, dry. "We rub for about 20 seconds: a slow count to 20, or until the sand runs out."
2. **The marker check (7 min).** Ask for volunteers. With each child's agreement, an adult draws a small dot with the washable felt-tip on the back of their hand and one on their thumb. (Children who do not want a dot, or who have eczema, sore skin or a skin allergy, wear a sticker in the same place instead and peel it off at the end, or watch.) In small groups at the sinks, children wash using the steps and the slow count. Then they look: has the dot gone? "The thumb and between the fingers are the places people miss most." If there are few sinks, one group washes with the second adult while the others start part 3, and the rest wash later in the day.
3. **A balanced day (5 min).** Show the four Little Hill day cards and the wheel. Children place each card on the right part of the wheel.
4. Mouse plays chase in the park with friends. (Play.)
5. Bear has a drink of water from its own bottle after playing. (Water.)
6. Duck eats lunch at the picnic table, after washing its wings. (Food.)
7. Goat goes to bed early the night before the big game day, so it feels rested. (Rest.) "If Mouse played all day and never rested, never had a drink and never ate, how might Mouse feel?" (Tired, thirsty, hungry, maybe unwell.) "A healthy day has some of every part. That's a good health balance."

✓ Discussion questions (4 min)

1. "Which places on our hands are easy to miss?" (The thumbs, between the fingers, the wrists and under the nails.)
2. "When should we wash our hands?" (After the toilet, before eating, after playing outside, after blowing our nose.)
3. "Why does a healthy day need play and rest and water and food?" (Play makes us strong, food gives us energy to play, water and rest help our bodies recover; we need all of them.)

✓ Closing check (3 min)

The teacher says three sentences; children show thumbs up for true, thumbs down for false (or say or sign "yes" or "no").

1. "We wash our hands before we eat." (True.)
2. "A quick splash of water with no soap is enough." (False: soap, rub for about 20 seconds, rinse, dry.)
3. "A healthy day has play, rest, water and food." (True.)

Vocabulary

germs, soap, rinse, thumbs, nails, wrist, balance, energy, rest

Differentiation

- **More support:** an adult or partner says each step; follow the picture strip step by step; use a pump soap that is easy to press.
- **More challenge:** put the washing-steps pictures in order without looking at the strip; think of another time to wash hands.
- **Moving in your own way:** children who use a wheelchair wash at a low sink or the bowl station set at the right height; blind or low-vision children follow the raised-line strip with a guide; deaf children follow the strip and the teacher's model; children who cannot rub their hands together are helped by an adult in the way their plan says.

⚠ Safety

- The washable felt-tip pen is used only by an adult, only on children who agree, on the back of the hand and the thumb only; never near eyes and never on sore or broken skin, or for children with eczema or skin allergies (stickers instead).
- Check soap allergies; offer a different soap if a child needs one.
- Warm, not hot, water. Wipe up water spills at once so nobody slips.
- No questions about what children eat or when they go to bed; the wheel uses made-up characters.

Teacher notes and misconceptions

- Many children think hands are clean if they look clean. Germs are too small to see; the marker dot only shows which places were missed.
- Some children rush and rinse after a few seconds. The sand timer or a slow count helps.
- The wheel does not sort foods into good and bad. If children start doing that, say "every part of the wheel matters, and food gives us energy to play."
- Frequent washing can make skin dry; children with dry skin may need the school's hand cream after washing.

Lesson 4: Making our game-day rules

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

Goal: Children try the four game-day stations, suggest rules that keep the games safe and fair, and agree a class rule card for game day.

Length: about 30 minutes.

Materials

- The cleared space, edge cones, and floor spots or hoops.
- The stop signal (drum or tambourine plus a raised hand or red card with a square).
- The six grade 1 warm-up cards.
- The rest spot at the edge (green cushion or mat) or a rest card for each child.
- The four game-day stations, set up before the lesson, each with a picture sign:
- **Balance line:** floor tape or a long rope laid flat.
- **Balloon keep-up:** latex-free balloons blown up and tied by an adult, a few beach balls or very light foam balls, and a lidded box for burst pieces.
- **Beanbag toss:** beanbags, three hoops at different distances and a throwing line of floor tape.
- **Animal-walk path:** cones and the four animal-walk cards from lesson 1.
- A large blank "Our game-day rules" card and a thick pen.
- Four "rule idea" picture cards: safety, taking turns, kind words, water and rest.
- One sticky dot per child.
- Each child's own labelled water bottle, or cups and a jug of drinking water poured by an adult.
- For blind or low-vision children: a sighted guide partner, a sound balloon (bell or dried beans inside, added by an adult) or a bell ball, and a raised-line copy of the rule card (made after the lesson).
- Ear defenders and a quiet spot at the edge for children who need them (balloons can burst with a bang).
- A class list for notes.

Steps

✎ Opening (3 min)

Sitting at the edge. "Next time is our class game day. You are going to help make the rules. Rules in games help everyone stay safe and have a fair turn." Remind the class of the stop signal, the rest spot and that a balloon may go "bang". "Your own way counts."

Warm-up (5 min)

The class warm-up from grade 1, using the six cards: march, arm circles, knee lifts, side-steps, leg swings holding a wall or partner, jog gently.

✎ Main activity (15 min)

1. **Try the stations (9 min).** Four groups, about 2 minutes at each station, moving round on the stop signal (walking, holding nothing). "While you play, think: what could go wrong here? What would make it fair?"
2. Balance line: walk along the line, or balance on one foot beside it.
3. Balloon keep-up: hits in a row with a flat hand, on your own or with a partner.
4. Beanbag toss: underarm throws into the hoops, one child at a time; the others wait behind the throwing line.
5. Animal-walk path: bear walk, crab walk, frog jump or wall push between the cones, one at a time.
6. **Rule ideas (6 min).** Sit together. Show the four rule idea cards. For each card, children suggest a rule for game day; the teacher writes each suggestion in the children's words under that heading (for example: "Wait behind the line until the bags are collected", "Everyone gets the same number of throws", "Say 'good try'", "Get a drink at the break"). Each child puts their sticky dot next to the rule they think matters most. The class keeps every rule that is safe and fair; the teacher makes sure there is at least one safety rule for each station. Read the card aloud together.

✓ Discussion questions (4 min)

1. "Why do games need rules?" (So everyone is safe, everyone gets a turn, and the game is fair and fun.)
2. "Goat changes a rule in the middle of the beanbag game so it can win. Is that fair? What could Goat do instead?" (No, everyone should agree the rules before playing; Goat could suggest the change for next time and ask the others.)
3. "What will you do if someone forgets a rule on game day?" (Remind them kindly, use the fair ways card, or tell an adult.)

✓ Closing check (3 min)

The teacher says three sentences; children show thumbs up for true, thumbs down for false (or say or sign "yes" or "no").

1. "We made our game-day rules together." (True.)
2. "It is fair to change the rules in the middle of a game so you can win." (False: rules are agreed before the game.)
3. "We wait behind the line until the beanbags are collected." (True, if the class chose that rule; otherwise use the class's own beanbag safety rule.)

Vocabulary

rule, fair, safe, turn, agree, station, remind

Differentiation

- **More support:** point to a rule idea card instead of saying a rule; a partner helps place the sticky dot.
- **More challenge:** explain why a rule is fair, or suggest a rule that helps a child who uses a wheelchair or a sound balloon join in.
- **Moving in your own way:** children who use a wheelchair hold a balance shape in their chair or steer along the line, hit balloons from the chair, throw from a closer line, and do seated animal moves; blind or low-vision children use a sighted guide and a sound balloon or bell ball; deaf children get every instruction shown as well as said.

⚠ Safety

- Beanbag throws are underarm, one child at a time, with everyone else behind the throwing line; beanbags are collected only when the adult says so.
- Latex-free balloons only, blown up by an adult; burst pieces go straight into the lidded box.
- The animal-walk path is one child at a time, in one direction.
- Water from each child's own bottle or cup only.

Teacher notes and misconceptions

- Children sometimes suggest rules that leave someone out ("only fast people"). Ask: "Is that fair to everyone? How could we change it?"
- Keep the children's own words on the rule card where you can; it matters that they recognise it as theirs.
- Make the raised-line copy of the rule card before lesson 5 for any blind or low-vision child.

Lesson 5: Class game day

Unit overview - Previous: Lesson 4

Goal: Children play at the four game-day stations following the rules they made, take water and rest breaks, compare which activities felt confident and which felt like a challenge, and show what they learned in a one-to-one check.

Length: about 30 minutes, plus extra slots in the week for checks.

Materials

- The cleared space, edge cones, and floor spots or hoops.
- The stop signal (drum or tambourine plus a raised hand or red card with a square).
- The six grade 1 warm-up cards.
- The rest spot at the edge (green cushion or mat) or a rest card for each child.
- The four game-day stations from lesson 4, each with its picture sign: balance line (floor tape or rope); balloon keep-up (latex-free balloons blown up and tied by an adult, beach balls or very light foam balls, and the lidded box for burst pieces); beanbag toss (beanbags, three hoops and a taped throwing line); animal-walk path (cones and the four animal-walk cards).
- The class's "Our game-day rules" card from lesson 4, on the wall where everyone can see it.
- The "fair ways" card from grade 2 term 2 (stop; say what you saw; listen; choose: do it again, take turns, or ask the referee).
- For the check spot: the five "keeping cool" cards (lesson 2), the washing-steps strip (lesson 3) and the good health balance wheel (lesson 3).
- Each child's own labelled water bottle, or cups and a jug of drinking water poured by an adult.
- Sinks with soap and paper towels for washing hands after game day.
- For blind or low-vision children: a sighted guide partner, a sound balloon or bell ball, and raised-line copies of the rule card and the washing-steps strip.
- Ear defenders and a quiet spot at the edge for children who need them.
- A class list for the check. A second adult to watch the stations while the teacher does checks.

Steps

✎ Opening (3 min)

Sitting at the edge. "Welcome to our class game day!" Read the class rule card together. Remind the class of the stop signal, the rest spot, the fair ways card, and the water break in the middle. "Your own way counts."

Warm-up (5 min)

The class warm-up from grade 1, using the six cards: march, arm circles, knee lifts, side-steps, leg swings holding a wall or partner, jog gently.

✎ Main activity (15 min)

Four groups rotate around the four stations, about 3 minutes each, moving on the stop signal (walking, holding nothing). After the second station, everyone has a water break (about 2 minutes) in the shade or at the edge. Any child may use the rest spot at any time. Children choose how to play at each station (for example balance on the line or beside it, a balloon or a beach ball, a near or far hoop). Nothing is scored.

While the stations run, the second adult watches the stations and the teacher calls children one at a time to the check spot (see below). Children who are not being checked keep playing. If there is only one adult, run two stations at a time and do the checks in the extra slots.

✓ Discussion questions (4 min)

1. "Which station felt easy for you, and which felt like a challenge?" (Any honest answer; children may pass. Both are good: easy ones help us feel confident, challenges help us learn.)
2. "Did our rules work? Is there a rule we would change next time?" (Any answer that keeps the games safe and fair.)
3. "What did we do today to keep our bodies well?" (Water break, rest when we needed it, moving our bodies, and we will wash our hands now.)

✓ Closing check (3 min)

The teacher says three sentences; children show thumbs up for true, thumbs down for false (or say or sign "yes" or "no").

1. "We followed the rules we made together." (Children answer honestly; talk about any rule that was hard to keep.)
2. "A challenge can feel hard and still be fun." (True.)
3. "After game day we wash our hands before we eat." (True.)

Then everyone washes hands at the sinks, in small groups.

One-to-one check (about 3 minutes per child)

Done at the check spot. Each part is marked yes / with help / not yet on the class list. No body measure, score or count is recorded.

1. **Strong body:** "Show me one animal walk, or your seated version, and tell me one activity that helps make your body stronger or fitter." Yes: a safe, controlled animal walk or seated version and one active activity. With help: one of the two, or after the teacher shows the cards. Not yet: neither.
2. **Keeping cool:** "It is a hot, sunny day. Tell me two ways to keep well, and one sign that means stop and tell an adult." Yes: two ways (water, shade, hat or covering up, rest) and one sign (dizzy, headache, feeling sick, very hot or very tired). With help: after pointing to the keeping cool cards. Not yet: neither.

3. **Clean hands:** "Show me how to wash your hands, in the air, and tell me one time we wash our hands." Yes: soap, palms, backs, between the fingers or thumbs, rinse and dry, and one time (after the toilet, before eating, after playing outside). With help: with the washing-steps strip. Not yet: misses most steps.
4. **A balanced day:** "Point to the wheel. What does a healthy day need?" Yes: names play, rest, water and food, or says we need some of each. With help: names two or three with prompting. Not yet: one or none.
5. **Rules:** "Tell me one of our game-day rules and why it matters." Yes: a rule from the class card and a reason (safe, fair, everyone gets a turn, kind). With help: a rule without a reason, or after looking at the card. Not yet: neither.

Children answer in their own way: saying, signing, pointing to a card or showing. A child using a wheelchair shows the seated version of an animal walk; a child who cannot rub their hands shows the steps in their own way or points to the strip.

Vocabulary

game day, station, rule, fair, challenge, confident, rest, balance

Differentiation

- **More support:** stay with a partner at each station; shorter turns; answer the check by pointing to cards.
- **More challenge:** be a "rule helper" who reminds others kindly; try the far hoop or a balance shape on one foot.
- **Moving in your own way:** children who use a wheelchair play every station from their chair (balance shape in the chair or steering along the line, balloon hits, a closer throwing line, seated animal moves); blind or low-vision children use a sighted guide, a sound balloon or bell ball and raised-line cards; deaf children get every instruction shown as well as said.

⚠ Safety

- Follow your school's sun and heat policy; on a hot day keep game day indoors or in full shade and add another water break.
- Beanbag throws are underarm, one child at a time, with everyone else behind the throwing line.
- Latex-free balloons only; burst pieces go straight into the lidded box.
- Any child who feels dizzy, has a headache, feels sick or is very hot or tired stops and is looked after by an adult.
- Water from each child's own bottle or cup only.

Teacher notes and misconceptions

- If a disagreement happens, use the fair ways card rather than deciding for the children straight away.
- Some children may want a winner. Game day has no scores; praise following the rules, trying a challenge and helping others.

- Finish any checks in the week; it is fine to check a child over two short visits.