Taking turns, food and sleep, and stop, look, listen

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Kindergarten Health and PE: Taking Turns, Food and Sleep, and Stop, Look, Listen (5 lessons, about 2 weeks)

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Kindergarten year plan · Term 1 unit: Moving safely, stop and go, and clean hands · Term 2 unit: Balance, jumping, ball skills and feelings words

Big idea

Games work when everyone takes turns and plays together. Our bodies need many kinds of food, water and plenty of sleep. Near roads, we stop, look and listen, and we always cross with a grown-up.

This is the third health and PE unit of the kindergarten year (term 3). It builds on term 1 (own space, the stop signal, clean hands) and term 2 (balance, rolling and throwing, feelings words).

Outcomes

By the end of the unit a student can:

1. Wait for their turn in a small-group game and pass the turn on (for example by handing over a beanbag or tapping the next player's hand).
2. Play a simple team game where everyone works towards one shared goal, and follow its one or two rules.
3. Say that our bodies need many different foods and water, and sort pictures of fruit and vegetables by colour.
4. Put four pictures of a made-up bedtime routine in order, and say that children need lots of sleep to grow, learn and feel well.
5. Show and say the road steps: stop at the kerb, hold a grown-up's hand, look all around and listen, and walk straight across when the grown-up says it is safe, still looking and listening.

Prior knowledge

- Term 1: "my bubble" space, the stop signal (sound plus something to see), clean hands before eating.
- Term 2: rolling and two-handed throws, feelings words (helpful when a game is lost or a turn feels long).
- Waiting is hard at five. Keep groups small (four or five) so that turns come round quickly, and praise good waiting.

- Children already eat, sleep and travel near roads in very different ways. The lessons use made-up characters and pictures; children are never asked what they eat, when they go to bed or how they come to school.

Lessons

PE lessons are about 25 minutes; lessons 3 and 4 are about 20 minutes in the classroom. Lesson 5 is about 25 minutes in a playground with a chalk "road", never on a real road. The term 1 stop signal is used in every PE lesson.

Lesson	Title	Main activity
1	My turn, your turn	Turn-taking games in small groups
2	One team, one goal	Shared-goal team games (fill the hoop, keep the balloon up)
3	Food that helps us grow	Many foods and water; sorting fruit and vegetable pictures by colour
4	Bo the bear goes to bed	Sleep and rest; putting a made-up bedtime routine in order
5	Stop, look, listen	Pretend-road practice in the playground and end-of-unit check

Materials (whole class unless noted)

- A hall, playground or cleared space, as in terms 1 and 2; cones or floor spots for the edge; the stop signal (drum or tambourine plus a raised hand or red card).
- Lessons 1-2: beanbags (about 4 per group of four or five, plus 20-30 for the middle hoop in lesson 2); one hoop per group plus one big hoop or mat for the middle; one large soft ball per group; one balloon per group, plus spares (check for latex allergies; use non-latex balloons or soft beach balls instead if needed).
- Lesson 3: about 20 picture cards of fruit and vegetables in different colours (for example red apple, strawberry, tomato; orange carrot, orange; yellow banana, sweetcorn; green peas, broccoli, cucumber; purple grapes, aubergine/eggplant, plum; brown or white potato, mushroom), one sorting mat with five coloured circles (red, orange or yellow, green, purple, other), each also marked with a shape (see lesson 3), with the same shape drawn in a corner of each matching food card; a picture card of a cup of water. **No food is tasted or handled in this unit.**
- Lesson 4: a teddy bear or bear puppet ("Bo"); four large picture cards of Bo's bedtime (bath or wash, brush teeth, story, lights off in bed); one small set of the same four cards per pair.
- Lesson 5: playground chalk or floor tape for a pretend road (two kerb lines about 4 metres apart), a picture of a grown-up and child holding hands, a pretend "car" (a tricycle or ride-on pushed slowly by an adult, or an adult walking with a cardboard steering wheel), and a class list for the check. Enough adults to hold hands with children in turn (the teacher plus a helper if possible). For the end-of-unit check: a ball, two fruit cards and the cup-of-water card from lesson 3, and a set of Bo cards from lesson 4.

⚠ Safety and access

- **Space and floor:** as in terms 1-2. In lesson 2, children walk (never run) to the middle hoop, and only one child per group goes at a time.
- **Medical:** follow each child's plan. Water available.
- **Food (lesson 3):** pictures only; nothing is tasted, smelled or handled, because of allergies. Foods are never called "good" or "bad", and no child's lunch, home food, body or weight is discussed. Some children may not eat some foods for religious, cultural,

medical or family reasons; all of these are fine. Adapt the picture set to foods your children know.
- **Sleep (lesson 4):** children are not asked when they go to bed or where or with whom they sleep. Bo is made up. Children's homes, rooms and routines differ, and that is fine.
- **Road safety (lesson 5):** practice is on a chalk road in a closed playground only, never on or next to a real road. The "car" moves at walking pace and is driven or pushed by an adult; children never stand in its path. The main message for five-year-olds is: **always cross with a grown-up, holding hands.** This unit does not teach children to cross alone.
- **Countries differ:** traffic drives on the left in some countries and on the right in others, so the lesson says "look all around" rather than "look left first". Use your country's crossing rules and words (kerb/curb, pavement/sidewalk).
- **Movement in each child's own way:** children who use a wheelchair, walker or crutches take turns, play the team games and practise the road steps in their own way (wheeling to the hoop; holding the grown-up's hand or keeping a hand on the wheelchair while the grown-up pushes). Children with low vision can use a bell ball, a bright tape kerb they can feel with their feet, and extra listening practice. Deaf or hard-of-hearing children use the visual stop signal, and in lesson 5 "look all around" carries more of the work; "listen" can be signed or shown, and they hold the grown-up's hand as everyone does.
- **Touch:** holding hands for the road practice is with an adult the child knows; a child who does not want to hold a hand may hold the adult's sleeve or a short loop, or walk with a hand on the wheelchair or pushchair, as many children do on real streets.

Assessment

- Lessons 1-2: the teacher watches for waiting, passing the turn on and following the game rules, and notes them on a class list.
- Lessons 3-4: listen for "many foods", "water" and "sleep helps us grow" during the talk; the closing checks use pointing or speaking.
- Lesson 5: a 5-part road-steps and talk check, about 3 minutes per child, with an answer guide. Plan an extra small-group slot in the week to finish per-child checks. Record "yes", "with help" or "not yet".

Sources

- Wikipedia, "Green Cross Code" (read 6 November 2026): https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Green_Cross_Code
- The Green Cross Code is a UK pedestrian road-safety campaign begun in 1970 by what is now the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA).
- Its basic tenets, "Stop, Look, Listen, Think", have stayed the same. The 2018 version: think, find the safest place to cross; stop near the kerb; look all around and listen; wait until it is safe and let traffic pass; go straight across, not running or walking diagonally; keep looking and listening while you cross.
- The earlier Kerb Drill was replaced partly because its military style was confusing to children.
- Wikipedia, "Pedestrian safety" (read 6 November 2026): https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pedestrian_safety
- Road traffic crashes kill about 300,000 pedestrians a year; the World Health Organization says crashes are predictable and preventable.

- Responsibility for pedestrian safety is contested; the idea that pedestrians are to blame was partly promoted by motoring lobby groups. (This is why the lesson is about how we keep safe together, not about blaming walkers.)
- Wikipedia, "Sleep" (read 6 November 2026): https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sleep
- Children need many hours of sleep to develop and function, up to 18 hours a day for newborns, declining with age.
- A bedtime routine usually involves rituals such as a bath, brushing teeth and a bedtime story, and a consistent bedtime; it can improve a child's sleep. These look different in different families.
- Wikipedia, "Healthy diet" (read 6 November 2026): https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Healthy_diet
- A healthy diet gives the body what it needs, including water; it may contain fruits, vegetables and whole grains, and can be met from many plant-based and animal-based foods.
- Wikipedia, "Turn-taking" (read 6 November 2026): https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Turn-taking
- About conversation: speakers take turns, conventions vary by culture, and turn-taking develops very early. Used only as background; the games are mine.
- No health, PE or road-safety standard or official guidance was read for this unit.

Known gaps

- No official standard or road-safety guidance was read; the Green Cross Code is UK-specific. Use your local road-safety guidance and crossing rules.
- No sleep-hours figure for five-year-olds is given, because the source read gives none for this age. Do not invent one; use your health service's guidance if you want a number.
- One lesson each on food and sleep is a start, not a nutrition or sleep programme. Schools often have their own food policy; use it.
- The team games are cooperative on purpose. Many schools add simple competitive relays here; if you do, keep teams small and praise good waiting, not only winning.
- Peer check: Gemini 4 Argon did a bounded text, timing, link, safety and lesson 5 check at 7b62558 (not an educator, safety or accessibility review); timings sum and links resolve. Its four notes (water card in the check; flexible bedtime order; access routes as a full "yes" in the crossing check; shape symbols and low-vision cues on the food cards) were fixed in 30f8485, which Argon also diff-checked the same day (see PEERCHECKS.md). Not reviewed by a teacher.

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Lesson 1: My turn, your turn

Goal: Children wait for their turn in a small group, pass the turn on clearly, and say what good waiting looks like.

Length: about 25 minutes, in the hall or playground.

Materials

- Stop signal; cones or spots for the edge.
- One hoop and one large soft ball per group of four or five; 4 beanbags per group.
- A class list for notes.

Steps

✎ Opening (5 min)

Warm-up from term 1: walk, jog and freeze on the stop signal in "my bubble". Then sit in a circle. "Today's games need turns. When it is my turn, I play. When it is your turn, I wait and watch. Then I pass the turn on."

✎ Main activity: turn games (12 min)

1. Pass and say (4 min): groups of four or five sit in small circles. One child holds the ball, says their name (or signs it, or just smiles) and rolls the ball to someone in the group. That child now has the turn. "The ball tells us whose turn it is."
2. Beanbag in the hoop (5 min): each group stands behind a floor line about 2 metres from its hoop. One child at a time throws one beanbag underarm towards the hoop. When all four beanbags are thrown, one child (a different one each round) fetches them and hands them to the next throwers; anyone who has not had a turn yet goes first. Children move the line closer or further for themselves. "Did everyone get a turn?"
3. Tap to pass (3 min): groups stand in a line. The first child does any move (a jump, a hop, a stretch, a spin of the wheels) and taps the next child's hand to pass the turn. The next child copies the move and adds a new one, then taps on. Children may skip adding a move and just copy.

✓ Discussion questions (5 min)

- How did you know it was your turn? The ball or beanbag came to me; someone tapped my hand; it was my place in the line.
- What does good waiting look like? Watching the player, staying in my space, cheering, keeping hands to myself.
- What can help if waiting feels too long? Count the people before me, watch and cheer, take a slow breath (term 2 feelings words: it is OK to feel cross about waiting).

✓ Closing check (3 min)

Show one group playing "pass and say" for one round. Ask the class: "Who has the turn now?" (Whoever has the ball.) "What should everyone else do?" (Wait and watch.) Note children who waited and passed the turn on.

Vocabulary

turn, my turn, your turn, wait, pass, group

Differentiation

- **Support:** groups of three so turns come round faster; an adult sits in the group; a picture card "my turn" that moves with the ball.
- **Stretch:** in "tap to pass", remember and copy two earlier moves.
- **Movement and communication:** a child can roll, push or hand over the ball or beanbag instead of throwing; name-saying can be signed, pointed to on a name card or skipped.

⚠ Safety

- Groups well apart; beanbags thrown only towards the group's own hoop, never at people.
- Fetching happens only when the whole group has thrown.

Lesson 2: One team, one goal

Goal: Children play two games where the whole group works towards one shared goal, follow one or two simple rules, and say how they helped the team.

Length: about 25 minutes, in the hall or playground.

Materials

- Stop signal; cones or spots for the edge.
- One hoop per group of four or five, placed round the edge; one big hoop or mat in the middle with 20-30 beanbags in it.
- One balloon per group, plus spares (non-latex if anyone has a latex allergy), or soft beach balls.

Steps

✎ Opening (4 min)

Warm-up: walk and freeze; then "team statues": on the stop signal, each group makes one shape together (a tall tower, a long snake). "Today the whole team has one goal."

✎ Main activity: shared-goal games (13 min)

1. Fill the hoop (7 min): groups line up behind their own hoop at the edge. Rules: (1) one child from each group at a time; (2) walk, don't run, to the middle, take **one** beanbag, walk back and put it in the hoop, then tap the next child. On the stop signal, everyone freezes and each group counts its beanbags together. Play twice. Second time, the goal is shared by the whole class: "Can we empty the middle hoop together before the drum?" (Count the class total, not the winner.)
2. Keep it up (6 min): groups of four or five stand in a small circle with one balloon. The team goal is to keep it off the floor by tapping it gently upward, each tap by a different person if they can. Count taps together. If it touches the floor, start counting again; nobody is "out". Try to beat the team's own best count.

✓ Discussion questions (5 min)

- What was the team's goal in "keep it up"? To keep the balloon off the floor together, and beat our own best count.
- How did you help your team? Waiting my turn, tapping gently, saying "yours!", cheering, picking up and starting again.
- What did we do when the balloon fell? Started again; nobody was out, and it was nobody's fault.

✓ Closing check (3 min)

"Tell me one rule of 'fill the hoop'." (One child at a time; walk, don't run; one beanbag each time.) "Show me with your thumb: was our class goal reached?" Note children who followed the rules and who helped others.

Vocabulary

team, goal, rule, together, help, best count

Differentiation

- **Support:** one rule only ("walk, don't run"); a buddy walks with a child; bigger, slower balloons.
- **Stretch:** in "keep it up", call the next person's name before tapping.
- **Movement:** a child who uses a wheelchair or walker can wheel to the middle and carry the beanbag on their lap, or the group can bring the hoop closer; balloon taps can be with any body part or a short soft bat. Children with low vision may use a bright beach ball with a bell inside.

⚠ Safety

- Walking only in "fill the hoop"; one child per group in the middle at a time keeps the middle uncrowded.
- Balloons: non-latex if needed; gentle taps; burst balloon pieces picked up at once (a choking risk).

Lesson 3: Food that helps us grow

Goal: Children say that our bodies need many different foods and water, name some fruits and vegetables, and sort fruit and vegetable pictures by colour.

Length: about 20 minutes, in the classroom.

Materials

- About 20 picture cards of fruit and vegetables in different colours, for example:
  - red: apple, strawberry, tomato
  - orange or yellow: carrot, orange, banana, sweetcorn
  - green: peas, broccoli, cucumber
  - purple: grapes, aubergine (eggplant), plum
  - other colours: potato, mushroom
- A sorting mat with five circles, each with a colour and a shape so that children with colour-vision differences can use it too: red circle with a heart; orange-or-yellow circle with a sun; green circle with a leaf; purple circle with a star; white circle with a question mark for "other colours". Draw the matching shape in a corner of each food card too, so children can sort by shape if colours are hard to tell apart. For children with low vision, say each card's colour aloud and make the shapes raised (glue, felt or a sticker) so they can be felt.
- A picture card of a cup of water.
- **No real food.** Nothing is tasted, smelled or handled, because of allergies.

Steps

✎ Opening (3 min)

"Cars need fuel to go. Plants need water and light. What do our bodies need to grow and play?" Take ideas. "Our bodies need lots of different foods, and water to drink, and sleep (next lesson!)."

✎ Main activity: many foods (10 min)

1. Name the pictures (3 min): hold up cards one by one; children name them if they can, in any language. "Is this a fruit or a vegetable?" Accept both for tomato and say that people argue about it.
2. Colour sort (5 min): children come up in turns (practising lesson 1) and put a card on the matching circle. Count each circle together. "Our bodies like lots of different colours of fruit and vegetables, on different days."
3. Water (2 min): show the cup of water. "When we run and play, we get thirsty. Water helps our bodies." Remind the class where they can get water at school.

✓ Discussion questions (5 min)

- Is any one food all our bodies need? No; our bodies need many different foods and water.
- Are some foods good and some bad? We don't say that. Different foods help in different ways, and people eat different foods at home, and that's fine.
- Why do we wash our hands before eating? (Term 1.) To wash away germs we can't see.

✓ Closing check (2 min)

Point to the purple circle: "Name a purple food." (Grapes, aubergine, plum.) Then: "What should we drink when we are thirsty after playing?" (Water.) Any child may answer by pointing to a card.

Vocabulary

food, fruit, vegetable, water, grow, thirsty

Differentiation

- **Support:** three circles only (red, green, other); match a card to a picture already on the circle.
- **Stretch:** "Find two foods that are the same colour but different shapes."
- **Communication:** children may point, sign or use a device; home-language food names are welcome.

⚠ Safety

- Pictures only; no tasting, smelling or handling of food.
- Never discuss children's lunches, home food, bodies or weight. Some children do not eat some foods for religious, cultural, medical or family reasons; say that this is fine.
- Adapt the picture set to foods your children know.

Lesson 4: Bo the bear goes to bed

Goal: Children say that sleep and rest help us grow, learn and feel well, and put four pictures of a made-up bedtime routine in order.

Length: about 20 minutes, in the classroom.

Materials

- A teddy bear or bear puppet, "Bo".
- Four large picture cards of Bo's bedtime: (1) bath or wash, (2) brush teeth, (3) story, (4) lights off in bed. One small set of the same four cards per pair, mixed up.
- Optional: a quiet piece of music for the rest time.

Steps

✎ Opening (3 min)

Bo yawns and rubs its eyes. "Bo is sleepy! Sleep is when our bodies and brains rest. Sleep helps us grow and get ready for a new day. Children usually need more sleep than grown-ups, and babies need the most."

✎ Main activity: Bo's bedtime (10 min)

1. Bo's story (3 min): "This is what Bo does every night. First Bo has a bath. Next Bo brushes its teeth. Then Bo has a story. Last, lights off and Bo goes to sleep." Show each big card as you say it.
2. Mixed-up cards (5 min): mix the big cards. "Oh no, Bo's bedtime is all mixed up!" Pairs put their small cards in order: bath, teeth, story, lights off. Use the words first, next, then, last (this links to computing "clear instructions").
3. Rest time (2 min): children lie down or sit comfortably, close their eyes if they want, and breathe slowly like a sleeping bear while the music plays. "How does your body feel when it rests?"

✓ Discussion questions (5 min)

- Why does Bo need sleep? To rest, grow and feel well; to have energy to play and learn tomorrow.
- What might Bo feel like after not enough sleep? Maybe tired, grumpy or cross, and finding it hard to play (term 2 feelings words; "might").
- Is everyone's bedtime the same? No. Families do bedtime in different ways. Many have a story or a wash, and going to bed at about the same time helps.

✓ Closing check (2 min)

Show the big cards mixed up: "What does Bo do first?" (Bath or wash.) "What does Bo do last?" (Lights off and sleep.) "Why do we need sleep?" (To rest, grow and feel well.) Any child may answer by pointing to a card.

Vocabulary

sleep, rest, tired, bedtime, first, next, then, last

Differentiation

- **Support:** three cards (bath, story, sleep); an adult reads the cards with the pair.
- **Stretch:** add a fifth card of their own (for example pyjamas or a drink of water) and say where it goes.
- **Communication:** pointing, signing or a device are all fine.

⚠ Safety

- Children are never asked when they go to bed, where they sleep or who they sleep with. Bo is made up.
- Rest time is optional: any child may sit and watch instead of lying down.
- If a child tells you something worrying, follow your school's safeguarding procedure.

Lesson 5: Stop, look, listen

Goal: Children practise the road steps on a pretend road in the playground (stop at the kerb, hold a grown-up's hand, look all around and listen, walk straight across when the grown-up says it is safe, keep looking and listening), and finish the end-of-unit check.

Length: about 25 minutes in a closed playground, plus per-child checks (about 3 minutes each) over the week.

Materials

- Playground chalk or tape: two "kerb" lines about 4 metres apart, with the "pavement" (sidewalk) outside them and the "road" between.
- A picture of a grown-up and a child holding hands.
- A pretend "car": a tricycle or ride-on pushed slowly by an adult, or an adult walking with a cardboard steering wheel and saying "brrrm".
- The teacher plus a helper if possible, to hold hands with children in turn.
- The stop signal; a class list for the check.
- For the check: the lesson 2 balloon or ball, two lesson 3 fruit cards and the lesson 3 cup-of-water card, the lesson 4 Bo cards.

Steps

✎ Opening (4 min)

Sit on the "pavement". "Roads are for cars, buses and bikes. They are fast and heavy. Drivers can't always see small people. So near roads we have a rule: **we always cross with a grown-up, holding hands.**" Show the picture. "Today we practise on a pretend road. We never practise on a real road."

✎ Main activity: the road steps (12 min)

1. Teach the steps (3 min) with actions:
    - **Stop** at the kerb (feet together on the pavement, a step back from the line).
    - **Hold hands** with your grown-up.
    - **Look all around** (turn your head both ways and behind) and **listen** (hand to ear).
    - **Wait** if a car is coming; let it go past.
    - **Walk straight across** when the grown-up says it's safe, still looking and listening. Don't run.
2. Practise with the pretend car (7 min): children cross in twos or threes, each holding an adult's hand (or the adult's sleeve, or with a hand on the wheelchair). The adult with the "car" sometimes drives slowly along the road and sometimes waits out of the way; children who are waiting on the pavement watch and call "car coming!" or "it's clear!". The car never drives towards a child, and children never step into the road while it moves.

3. Stop game (2 min): children walk around the playground; on the stop signal they find the nearest kerb line and **stop** a step back from it.

✓ Discussion questions (4 min)

- Who do we cross the road with? A grown-up, holding hands.
- Why do we look and listen? To see and hear cars, bikes and buses; some are quiet, so we look as well as listen.
- Why walk straight across, not run? Running can make us trip; straight across is the shortest way.

✓ Closing check (5 min)

Whole class: "Show me the steps!" Children do the actions together (stop, hold hands, look all around, listen, walk). Then begin the per-child checks.

✓ End-of-unit check (about 3 minutes per child)

Do this in a quiet corner of the playground or hall, one child at a time (or two together), with the class list. Record "yes", "with help" or "not yet".

Part	Ask or show	Answer guide
1	Roll the ball to the child and say "Your turn: roll it back, then it's my turn."	Rolls the ball back (passes the turn on). Any way of passing it is fine.
2	"Tell me one rule of 'fill the hoop'."	One child at a time / walk, don't run / one beanbag.
3	Show two fruit cards and the water card: "Our bodies need lots of different foods and something to drink. What drink?"	Water (saying it or pointing to the water card). Naming a fruit is a bonus.
4	Give the four Bo cards mixed up: "Put Bo's bedtime in order."	Bath or wash, teeth and story in any sensible order (families do these differently), then lights off last. With help is fine.
5	At the pretend kerb: "Show me how we cross the road."	Stops at the kerb, takes the adult's hand (or sleeve, loop, or the adult's hand on the wheelchair), looks all around and listens (or shows or signs "listen"), waits for the grown-up to say it is safe, walks or wheels straight across. Each of these routes is a full "yes".

A child may answer by pointing, signing, showing or using a device. Any movement in the child's own way counts.

Vocabulary

road, kerb (curb), pavement (sidewalk), stop, look, listen, safe, cross

Differentiation

- **Support:** fewer steps (stop, hold hands, look); the adult says the words while the child does the actions.
- **Stretch:** "What if a ball rolls into the road?" (Stop; don't chase it; tell a grown-up.)
- **Access:** deaf or hard-of-hearing children rely more on looking, and "listen" can be shown or signed; children with low vision use a bright tape kerb they can feel and extra listening; wheelchair users stop a wheel's width back from the line.

⚠ Safety

- Pretend road in a closed playground only. Never practise on or next to a real road.
- The "car" moves at walking pace, is controlled by an adult and never drives towards a child.
- The message is always "cross with a grown-up". This lesson does not teach children to cross alone.
- Traffic drives on the left in some countries and on the right in others; use your local crossing rules and words.