Dance Knowledge Organiser for FS2/Yr1

Key knowledge			
Autumn			
Spatial	To know the importance of working		
Awareness	in a circle and diagonally.		
within a group			
Self	To know how to make a specific		
Awareness	shape with your body.		
Skipping	To begin to experience simple dance techniques i.e. parallel retire.(rehtee-ray)		

Key knowledge		
Spring		
Bounces and jumps.	To understand how bending the knees (<i>plie</i>) impacts on the height of the jump and safety of landing.	
Posture	To know what good posture is .i.e. Puppet Master.	
Musicality	To know how to use music rhythms to cue movement I.e. The Name Game.	

Key knowledge		
Summer		
Balancing	Being able to create and hold a body	
	position without moving	
Galloping	To learn and perform basic dance	
	movement vocabulary	
Isolation	To begin to understand how to	
	move one/some body parts whilst	
	the rest of the body is still i.e. "My	
	Body"	

Extended learning opportunity

Cross curricular links

Music-. Using music to elicit a creative response. Responding to set rhythms individually and as a group

Drama – Awareness of audience. Beginning to understand stage directions. Voice projection and self-confidence during performance. Miming Social Development- working together, treating each other with respect.

Communication and Language- listening to and following instructions.

Key Vocabulary		
Stretch	To lengthen and elongate body and limbs.	
Point/Flex	To stretch or bend ankles and toes to improve the line of the leg	
Hopping	Take off and land on the same leg.	
Skipping	To step and hop repeatedly in a controlled manner.	
Safe landing		
Plie		
Good Posture	Standing up straight visualising a puppet string attached to the top of	
lostare	your head.	
Balance	To be still in a position for a set period of time.	
Sideways Galloping	Sideways travelling; step and spring.	
Isolation	To move one specific part of the body while maintaining stillness in the rest	