Knowledge Organiser Physical Education Year 4 Autumn Copy tactics to attack or defend - Football



Prior knowledge

- Understand that there are different positions
- Each position has a different role
- The features of a football pitch
- How to start a game and restart when the ball leaves the pitch
- Kicking, passing, throw in, tackling

Physical skills developed in this topic

- Marking an opposition player
- Interception
- Tracking a player

Knowledge and skills covered in this topic

- Understand the importance of each playing role
- Understand how the positions can be interchanged
- How to track a player
- When and where to mark an opponent
- How to find space to support passing

Key words

Defender: Player whose role is to protect the goals

Midfielder: Player whose role is to stop the ball getting to the goal area and to help pass the ball to the attackers

Attacker: Player whose role is to shoot and score goals

Wingers: Players who play wide on the left or right of the pitch in space

Marking: Standing near an opposition player to stop them getting the ball

Tracking: Running near your opponent watching their movements

Goal Area / Penalty Box: Area in front of goal where the keeper can handle the ball / fouls are penalties

Halfway line: A line half way between the two goals where the game starts

Out of play: When the ball leaves the pitch







