| Strand: Games | Strand Units: <br> - Sending, receiving and travelling <br> - Creating and playing games |
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|  | - Understanding and appreciation of games |


| Activity \# | Activities that include striking with the hand for the Games Strand | Teaching Points |
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| 1 | Throwing at a target <br> Each child has a mini-basketball. <br> Use a cone to highlight the starting position and another to indicate where they must shoot from. <br> The child must dribble from the starting cone up to the shooting cone where they must attempt to shoot into a mini-basketball hoop. <br> OR <br> If there is no basketball or netball hoop available, the children can experiment using one light plastic ball and/or small bouncy ball and one hoop per pair. In turn, one child holds up the hoop to the side and the other tries to shoot the ball into the hoop. <br> Encourage the children to experiment holding the hoop vertically and horizontally | Ensure the children are not slapping the ball. <br> Encourage the children to keep their head up looking in the direction they are travelling. |
| 2 | Dribbling activities <br> - Call the number: <br> The children work in pairs. <br> - Zigzag dribble: <br> Place four/five cones in a line. <br> The children dribble in and out of the cones using both hands. | This activity will ensure the children keep their heads up while they are looking for a partner or zig zagging through the cones. |
| 3 | Bench ball <br> - A passing game where players pass the ball to a teammate standing on a gym bench to score. | Ensure no child is tackled when they are dribbling. |


|  | - The ball has to be caught cleanly by the child on the bench to count as a score. <br> - Confine the children to dribbling three times to promote teamwork. Once they dribble three times, the child must freeze until they have passed the ball. <br> - To prevent the children from standing right beside the bench, mark out a semi-circle into which no-one may go. |  |
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| 4 | Dribbling <br> Split the class into groups of 4 children in each group. Each group should have 6 cones evenly spaced in a straight line in front of them. <br> - Dribble Relay: <br> In turn, each player dribbles in and out of the cones and back. On returning that player goes to the back of the line and sits. Winner - best of three races. <br> - Beat the clock <br> How many runs can a team complete in two minutes? <br> Each member of the team must take part. | Remember the teaching points for striking with the hand: <br> - Keep eyes over the ball <br> - Knees bent <br> - Lean slightly forward at the waist <br> - Fingers are open and relaxed <br> - Push the ball downwards, following the ball <br> - Bring your hand back up as the ball comes back up <br> - Keep the ball below the waist <br> - When moving, keep the ball slightly in front |

