Movement and Learning in Early Childhood Education



Movement helps a child's brain to grow and develop

Eyes to track the world visually

Balance for rolling, spinning, and hanging upside down

Spatial and bodily awareness for moving through space and round obstacles







Children need opportunities to practice using all different kinds of movement



Muscle power for lifting, pulling, pushing, and for stamina, flexibility and agility



Coordination for complex movements like climbing, hopping and skipping



Control for changing direction and speed

Teachers can support children's movement skills by:



- Making the challenge fit the child by providing individualised challenge or support
- Encouraging a wide range of movement experiences
 - Challenging children to change speed or freeze
- Shifting targets further away or bringing them closer
- Suggesting children to change direction or move backward
- Extending exercise time or challenging children to go faster