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Y5: Exercise L1 - Why exercise?	Learning objective: - To identify the virtues that can be developed through exercise.	Key vocabulary: Self-regulation, confidence, determination, motivation, perseverance, teamwork, obesity, barriers, mental health, stress, anxiety Key virtues: Courage, confidence, team work, perseverance	
Resources: PowerPoint Diamond 9 cards – benefits of exercise	Statutory links: Health Education (2020) Pupils should know: - The characteristics and mental and physical benefits of an active lifestyle The importance of building regular exercise into daily and weekly routines and how to achieve this; for example walking or cycling to school, a daily active mile or other forms of regular, vigorous exercise.		
(resource 1) Access to the Internet for research	- The risks associated with an inactive lifestyle (including obesity).		
Key questions:	Learning activities:		
What are the benefits of exercise?	Starter: Stuck in the mud		
What virtues could exercise develop?	Play a quick game involving movement. For example, ask children to move around the room and then get into groups of a given number. Anyone that is not in a group is out. You could also play stuck in the mud or another playground game.		
·	Remind children that exercise is anything that involves physical effort and is designed to improve your health.		
How much exercise should you do?	What physical signs are there that their body has had to make an effort?		
What are the consequences of not	Activity 1: Diamond 9		
exercising?	In pairs, ask children to brainstorm as many benefits of exercise as possible.		
What are the barriers to exercise?	Then, give children the diamond 9 activity (resource 1). Are there any reasons that they hadn't thought of? Ask children to rank the benefits in a diamond shape, emphasising that there is no right or wrong answer.		



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How do we overcome these barriers?

Encourage children to talk about their personal experiences of the benefits of exercise.

What virtues are needed to overcome these barriers?

What virtues do you think exercise could develop? Ask children to give examples e.g. courage could be developed when you are learning a new skill like swimming, respect for others when playing a team sport.

Activity 2: Different types of exercise

Look at the fact box on the PowerPoint and discuss:

- How much exercise do you think you do each day?
- What types of exercise do you do?
- What different types of exercise are there?
- Are some types of exercise 'better' than others?

You could show this article about the benefits of Tai Chi and Zumba: https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-45799473 [accessed 28.05.2020].

Ask children to research one type of exercise and create a poster advertising its benefits, including the virtues you could develop.

They could also look at how they could do this exercise locally (e.g. Park runs, local swimming clubs/lessons). You could also look at the Daily Mile campaign: https://thedailymile.co.uk/ [accessed 28.05.2020] as a way of encouraging children to be more active.

Plenary: Reflection

Which virtue would you most like to develop through exercise? How are you going to purposefully develop this virtue through the exercise that you do?

