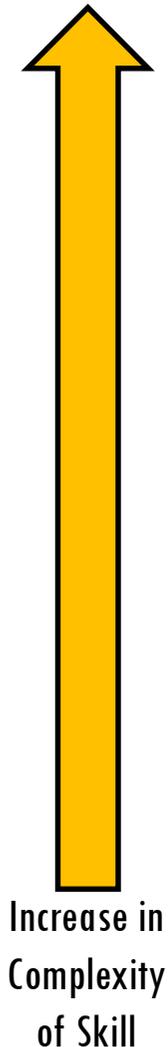
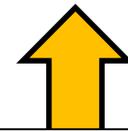


# Progressions: Balance



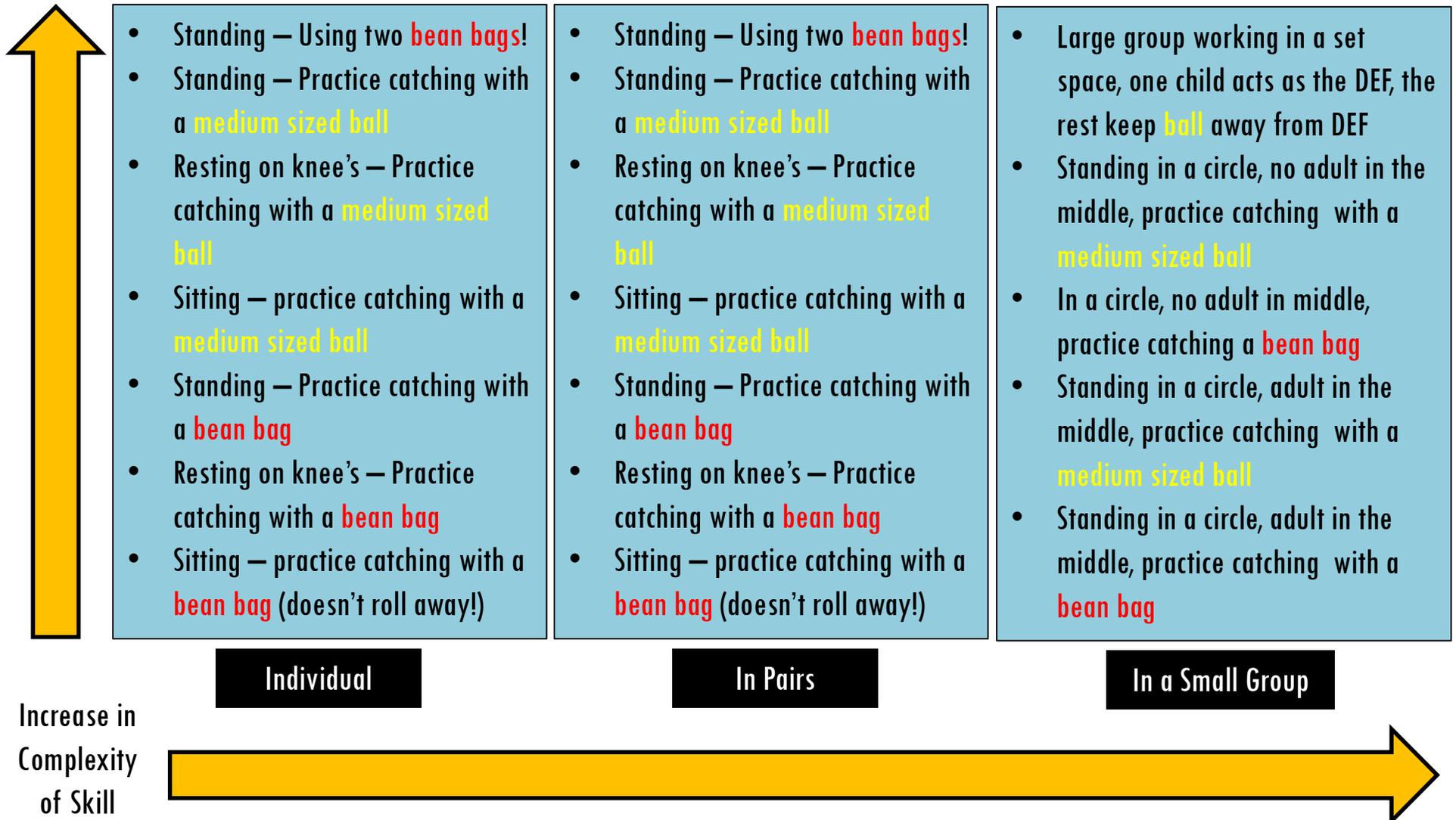
- Children can maintain balance when performing a task on one leg (this applies when static or when moving) (Develop through setting challenges where children must perform tasks on one leg. I.e – Throw and catch bean bag with alternate hands on one leg – Individual or as pairs)
- Children can maintain their balance whilst standing on one foot (Set time challenges, use apparatus to focus children. Encourage the children to look at something that is level with their eyes – ears govern our balance! Some children will initially find it easier balancing with a bend in their knee, allowing the Quadriceps to contract slightly and control their body)
- Children maintain their balance whilst standing in a stationary position and performing a task (2 feet) (Develop by asking children to balance a bean bag on their shoulder>back of hand>head>on head whilst holding arms out and touching nose with one hand)
- Children maintain balance when standing in a stationary position on the floor (2 feet) (Develop this skill through activities involving a 'freeze' OR ask children to balance objects on particular parts of their body. I.e - Bean Bag/Cone)



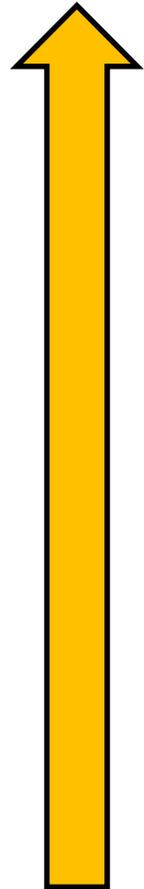
As children develop their balance, ask them to hold their limbs further away from their core!



# Progressions: Catching



# Progressions: Running & Stopping



Increase in  
Complexity  
of Skill

- Children maintain balance when moving fast in all directions & changing directions. Children react to variables and maintain balance whilst moving in a range of directions and stopping with competency (**Development would now begin to integrate other factors such as another FMS – Kicking, Catching, Throwing, Jumping etc**)
- Children maintain their balance when changing direction in a regimented fashion, show an understanding that not crossing legs when changing direction helps them to maintain balance (**Development would then focus on activities/games requiring children dodging, chasing, avoiding moving objects/people**)
- Children maintain their balance when moving forwards, show an understanding that bending at the knee helps them to stop quickly. Struggle to maintain balance when changing direction in a regimented fashion (I.e Running in & out of cone slaloms)
- Children show a clear in-balance when moving forwards at any pace faster than walking. Need to numerous steps when coming to a stop (**Development would focus on lots of activities/games requiring straight line running**)



When changing direction  
**DON'T** cross your feet!



# Progressions: Throwing

