**Learning Intention**
To practice striking, catching and throwing skills whilst working as a team to prevent the opposition from scoring.

**What you need**
- Suitable indoor or outdoor space
- Tee-ball bat and ball or alternatives (see Equipment)
- Batting tee
- Base markers – these should be flat strips or discs. Use cricket wickets if playing cricket version.

**What to do**
- Divide players into two equal teams.

**Batting team**
- Batter takes position on home base (or wicket for cricket version – see Rules).
- Remaining batters line up in single file near the batter (at a safe distance).
- Batter hits off a tee or pitched ball. All batters then attempt to run as a group around the bases.
- Allow one ‘good’ hit for each batter, i.e. hit between the angle of home, first and third base.

**Fielding team**
- Fielder who fields the ball moves to the pitcher position (or a marker disc). All other fielders line up behind the player with the ball.
- Fielders pass the ball over their heads until it reaches the last fielder who holds the ball in the air and shouts ‘stop!’
- Umpire checks the position of the batting team when ‘stop!’ is called. One run is scored for each base passed by the last player in the line.

**Skill Focus**
Catching, fielding, shot placement, striking, throwing.

**Alternative Balls**
Chairs may be used as a fielding aid.

**Alternative Bats**

**Curriculum links**
ACPMP061, ACPMP063, ACPMP080, ACPMP082
Teaching Style
- Encourage batters to vary the types of hits they use e.g. short hits, long hits and bunts.
- Use player role models to emphasise an effective side-on batting stance, good ball placement and effective fielding.

Rules
- Cricket version: when the batter strikes the ball, the team run in a relay format to a nearby wicket, set away from the fielding team. Score is calculated using the same method as the tee-ball version.
- Vary the course to be covered by the batting team, or the task to be completed by the fielding team.

Equipment
- Include a variety of bats e.g. different sized tee-ball bats, plastic bats, paddle bats.
- Use larger, slower balls to reduce speed of the game or smaller, faster balls to speed it up.

Environment
- Increase or reduce the distance to be covered by the batting team.
- Vary the positions of the fielding team. Have more or less fielders inside the bases.

Safety
- Bats must be dropped and not thrown.
- Umpire to remove tee after batter has hit the ball.
- Batting team should run outside the bases and fielders line up inside the bases.
- Waiting batters remain in ‘safety zone’ to the rear of the batter.

Ask the players
- Batters: What will you think about when preparing to hit your shot? Where will you aim to place the ball?

Fielders
- How can fielders work together to return the ball to the infield as quickly as possible? What will you do to ensure the ball gets passed quickly along the line?