

Cypress Primary School

PE Sports Funding

Period: 2020/21



Overview

At Cypress Primary School we have been awarded **£20,600** in the academic year of 2020/2021. This funding has allowed us to improve the quality and breadth of PE and sport provision, including increasing participation. The funding – provided jointly by the Departments for Education, Health and Culture, Media and Sport – has been allocated to primary school headteachers.

Specifically it will be allocated to work towards our aims of:

- Increased participation in competitive sports and inter-school tournaments;
- Increased opportunity for children who demonstrate ability in sports to access better coaching;
- Improved resources and facilities for PE and School Sport;
- Improved PE teaching through the development of teachers and other providers;
- Improved enjoyment in sport and increased uptake of sporting opportunities.

At Cypress Primary School we will continue to focus on the professional development of all staff. Teachers and teaching assistants will have the opportunity to enhance their professional knowledge and understanding, based on self-assessment, in specific areas of the PE curriculum, such as gymnastics and dance. This year we will be introducing a specialized PE expert to work alongside the PE working group (PWG) to upskill staff and contribute to whole school improvement.

Funding will enable our PE Lead to attend subject network meetings which provide advice on how to best monitor and evaluate the quality of teaching, outcomes for pupils and the impact of the PESSCL strategy. The network meetings also create the opportunity to forge links in the local community and cluster of schools.

It will allow us to fund specialist providers, giving opportunities for children to develop skills in a wider range of sports, improve their fitness levels and develop a better understanding of the importance of physical activity as part of a healthy lifestyle. We will purchase new equipment and resources to allow pupils to access these sports.

Expenditure (approximate):

- £3,000 Intensive swimming Year 5
- £1,425 PE Equipment
- £5,665 Lunchtime support sports coaches
- £672 Extended school activities TA support/safeguarding
- £214 Playdowns safety check equipment
- £2,000 Specialised PE expert to upskill staff and contribute to whole school improvement
- £500 CPD TAs & lunchtime supervisors activities/games to enhance break times/lunch
- £1,000 Frylands Wood/Year 4 activities, team building skills
- £500 African dance workshops
- £1,430 Woodland walk-outdoor activities

£16,406 TOTAL for this financial year

Summary of impact

The impact of the new primary school sport funding on pupils' lifestyles and physical well-being has been evaluated on these factors:

The funding has allowed us to offer additional 10 day intensive swimming lessons for our Year 5 pupils, the aim to improve their technique and boost children's swimming skills and increase confidence in the water.

We have introduced sports coaches in KS1 and in KS2 to co-ordinate and implement team games, this has meant that more children are accessing more physical activity throughout playtimes and lunch times and this is supporting health and fitness as well as behaviour.

Year 4 children had the opportunity of visiting Frylands Wood outdoor scout centre which focuses on outdoor adventure, managed in a way which encourages and enables pupils to enjoy and experience the natural environment. The centre offers a range of activities including orienteering to build team relationships, rock climbing strength and resilience as well as archery and raft building activities.

The school has invested in a range of new PE equipment for the curriculum and activity clubs, this has meant that children have a variety of equipment to improve their skills and have access to a range of new sports activity clubs.

Our Extended Services Leader organises an extensive range of alternative sports and after school clubs, this has enabled pupils of all abilities and interests to participate. The sports activities are designed to aid social and physical development and fitness within an enjoyable sporting environment. These range from archery, forest club, ballet, field games to football and gymnastics. Regular after school sessions strengthen the achievement and enjoyment of all pupils, including those with special educational needs and/or disabilities and pupils who are eligible for the Pupil Premium Grant.

We have additionally funded TA support for all activity clubs, this has meant that TA confidence and skills have improved when implementing games at lunch/break times but also this has enhanced our safeguarding procedures.

This year we have introduced a specialised PE expert to upskill staff and contribute to whole school improvement. During the spring and summer term, the PE expert's role has been to work alongside the PE working group (PWG) and to develop them as 'in house' experts able to work alongside those less confident in teaching PE, such as NQTs and ECTs. Over the next academic year, we will be initiating a one year project with the objective of embedding of the new PAT PE continuity and progression document into every day practice across PAT. We will be initiating coaching techniques via video streams so that all staff have access to these videos of 'good practice'.

Percentage meeting the national curriculum requirement to swim competently, confidently and proficiently over a distance of at least 25 metres, use a range of strokes effectively and perform safe self-rescue in different water-based situations: 69%

Next academic year 2021-22

For this academic year we will continue using the funding to improve the quality and breadth of PE and sport provision, including increasing participation. Specifically it will be allocated to work towards our ongoing aims as stated above.