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Whitehorse Manor Infant School

PE Sports Funding





Overview

At Whitehorse Manor Infant School, we were awarded £18,180 in the academic year 2019/2020. This funding 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 schools and we used it specifically to work towards our aims of:

- Increased opportunity for children to access better coaching in sports including those who demonstrate ability as well as those with special educational needs and/or disabilities;
- Improved resources and facilities for PE and school sport;
- Improved enjoyment in sport and increased uptake of sporting opportunities;
- Increased participation in competitive sports;
- Advanced skills and knowledge in different areas of the PE Curriculum;
- Improved PE teaching for staff through continued professional development in gymnastics and games, as this was an area identified by teachers in which they would like more training.

At Whitehorse Manor Infant School, we believe that sports and extra-curricular clubs play an important role in promoting social inclusion, healthy lifestyle and self-confidence. We have invested in working with a sport specialist who supports our enrichment sessions as well as delivering lunchtime sport activities. This gives children the opportunity to develop skills in a wider range of sports, improve their fitness levels and develop a better understanding of the importance of physical activity.

Expenditure

£1,200	Extra activity curricular safeguarding support -TAs
£4,725	Lunchtime sport activities

£340 Playdowns safety check for equipment

£2,550 Moving Matters – CPD teacher training with a specialist teacher

£8,815 TOTAL

Success criteria

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

- Development in key skills in PE, sports and athletics;
- Improvement in social and physical development and fitness;
- Provision of a sporting environment that includes a range of sports that are engaging, challenging and enjoyable:
- Promotion of a greater awareness of the importance of how physical activities foster a healthy lifestyle;
- Promotion of 'team spirit'.

Impact

We employ coaches from Smiths' Sports' Academy to work with our pupils at lunchtime, in key stage one, to help engage them in a range of physical activities and develop 'team spirit'.

The coaches also work with our teaching assistants once a week, one class per half term across year 1 & 2. The enrichment sports programme is designed to aid social and physical development and fitness within an enjoyable sporting environment. It encourages each child to feel they are a valued member of a group and develops their skills while ensuring they are participating at an appropriately challenging level.

We have introduced teaching assistant (TA) support to our extra-curricular activities, to further enhance safeguarding and to allow TAs to develop new skills.

Through the CPD provided this year supported by "Moving Matters", we have focused on the professional development of staff. Teachers and teaching assistants have had the opportunity to enhance their professional knowledge and understanding, based on self-assessment, in specific areas of gymnastics, dance and the teaching of games. They have worked with a specialist coach to improve their knowledge and teaching methods in these subjects. Improved lessons have ensured that all children make at least good progress.

Our Extended Services Leader organises an extensive range of alternative sports and after school clubs, which have enabled pupils of all abilities and interests to participate. Activities range from cheerleading, martial arts and multi-dance to football and multi-sports. 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.

Due to the closure of schools in the summer term we were unable to fulfil other initiatives that we wanted to develop. The premium does not have to be completely spent by schools in the academic year beginning 1 September 2019, some or all of it may be carried forward into the academic year beginning 1 September 2020 but must be spent by 31 March 2021.

Academic year 2020 -2021

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