



## **2015 – 2016 SPORTS GRANT FUNDING**

The Government have allocated funding to improve the quality of PE and School Sport for all children in primary schools.

The funding is to support the delivery and provision of PE and sport and aims to improve the skills of primary teachers to teach high quality PE and sport and to improve the quality of provision for PE and sport in schools and increase participation.

### **How much the school has been allocated to our school**

2015-2016 allocation = £8550

### **How the funding has been used or will be used**

Staff have benefited from high-quality training to teach additional physical education aspects.

Additional after school sports sessions were organised to encourage more physical participation. The main focus for these was dance, competitive sports and ball games. (£2100)

The school invested in high quality sports coaches to enrich PE in the school from an external agency. This meant that the children benefited from professionals teaching them and staff learnt from observing them and working alongside them. As a consequence staff have an increased subject knowledge and confidence in their teaching of dance, gymnastics and competitive sports. The children have also benefited from the energy, enthusiasm and skill of experts. (£2000)

The PE Subject Leader has had release time to meet with health advisors and various sports coaches, as well as time to plan for additional physical activities in school, such as focused physical activities targeted during lunchtime. The PE Subject Leader, in consultation with staff, devised physical activities to use, providing the resources and instructions. (£800)

Year 2 pupils benefited from swimming lessons throughout the year and the funding enabled the correct staffing ratios to be in force for this to happen as well as having three teachers per half a class for each swimming session. This is particularly important as it enriched the curriculum and widened the range of opportunities available to our children. At the start of the sessions, most of our children were complete non-swimmers. It has meant that the children's needs and confidence could be carefully targeted during each session and it has given them the confidence to have a go and not be afraid when they have National Curriculum sessions in Key Stage 2. It is also a vital life skill. Each Year 2 class attended for half the year (£3650)

### **Impact:**

Increase in pupils that were actively involved in after school physical education (in a well built up area where many families do not have gardens or access to gardens).

Improved subject knowledge of staff in order to teach various aspects of PE more effectively (particularly Competitive sports, Dance and Gymnastics).

Year 2 pupils were able to access available swimming lessons – many had never been swimming before so this was a completely new experience for them. Some were even frightened of the water and by the end of



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the course they happily went into the water with most having a good foundation in the basic swimming skills. The children's skills and confidence increased dramatically over time. The Junior school notice the impact of Year 2 swimming lessons when they go up to the Junior school.

