

Whitehorse Manor Infant School



PE Sports Funding

Period: 2023 – 2024



Overview

At Whitehorse Manor Infant School, we were awarded £18,330 in the academic year 2022/2023. 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.

At Whitehorse Manor Infant School our primary focus for the sports funding will be 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.

The funding will allow us to fund specialist providers, giving opportunities for children to develop skills in a wider range of sports. In spring 2024 we hope to hold a Y1+Y2 Relay event to encourage the children to take part in fun competitive activities to improve their fitness levels and develop a better understanding of the importance of physical activity as part of a healthy lifestyle.

Expenditure

£2,550	CPD Dance & specialised PE expert to upskill staff
£2,560	Extra activity curricular safeguarding support -TAs
£9,018	Lunchtime sport activities
£718	PE Equipment
£350	Safety equipment
£300	Competitions -Y2 Relay event
£3,200	Admin/staff costs/magic booking
£18,696	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 outside providers to work with our pupils at lunchtime, in key stage one, to help engage them in a range of physical activities to improve fitness as well as develop 'team spirit'.

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, which have enabled pupils of all abilities and interests to participate. Activities range from forest school, 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. We have introduced teaching assistant (TA) support to our extra-curricular activities, to further enhance safeguarding and to allow TAs to develop new skills.

This year we have continued to fund a specialised PE expert to upskill staff and contribute to whole school improvement for dance. In autumn/spring the PE expert's role has been to work alongside the ECTs at Whitehorse to further their skills and knowledge. As well as mentoring the PE working group (PWG) and to develop them as 'in house' experts able to work alongside those less confident in PE.

Academic year 2024 -2025

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 specifically it will be allocated to work towards our on-going aims as stated above.