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PE Impact Statement 2014-2015

For the academic year 2014-2015, Saint Thomas of Canterbury Infant School received £8,750 of funding from the Government known as the 'Primary Physical Education and Sport Premium'. It was ring-fenced to fund improvements to the provision of PE and sport, for the benefit of children and staff in our school so that all children develop healthy lifestyles.

We spent this money on qualified sports coaches to provide the children in our school a subsidised opportunity to participate in a variety of different sports including basketball, football and golf. This also helps to make and strengthen links with external sports clubs.

This year we invested in the Val Sabin schemes of work for gym, dance and games. This has really helped to ensure progression throughout the school, with children experiencing a range of opportunities and staff given ideas for children working above and below their age related expectation.

This year we are continuing to include the element of intra school competition into our PE lessons. This can be through competition within the class, the year group or within the school. Children are then asked to mark each other's performances and this improves the skill level shown by the children and their attention to detail when performing themselves.

We are continuing to target a specific group of children who are in need of extra support with their fine and gross motor skills. This club - gym trail - supports a range of children and our funding ensures a trained member of staff runs the group and that high quality resources are available for our children.

We ran a cross country inter-school competition with St. Helen's Infant School which the children thoroughly enjoyed participating in.

The impact that this funding has on our children's physical education and sport participation is to ensure that all children develop healthy lifestyles by greater participation in school sport, engaging in healthy eating, using PE and school sport to extend their learning in other subject areas, such as maths, and participating in an increased diversity of sports in a rich and engaging curriculum.

Future plans

The focus that has been identified through pupil and staff questionnaires and interviews for the academic year 2015-2016 is gym and dance. This is largely due to staff changes and, therefore, new staff need the same quality training that the more experienced staff have had. This extra training that staff will receive will increase the children's enjoyment and motivation during dance and gym sessions as well as their ability to explore what their bodies can do - to become physically literate children. We will then follow up these sessions with some team teaching with Ilse Fullerton, our PE Advisor.

We also aim to continue to participate in inter-school competitions with St. Helen's.

We would like to set up a Play Leaders' club where a group of 16 children will be leading and supporting play and small competitions during play times and lunch times. This will help with the children's leadership and organisation skills, their ability to work in a team and involve the development of many more skills too.

We have plans to celebrate the Olympics in Rio with a celebratory 'Olympics week'. The children will experience sports they are not previously familiar with e.g. fencing.

We would like to raise the profile of skipping next year, with each class experiencing a skipping workshop with 'Dan the Skipping Man' and then some school competitions following the day.

We also would like to invest in a few schemes of work including 'iMoves' and 'Maths of the day'. 'iMoves' is primarily a dance scheme of work that is topic linked so links nicely to our new topic based curriculum in KS1. The 'Maths of the Day' scheme ensures that the children are active throughout each day within a variety of curriculum areas.

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