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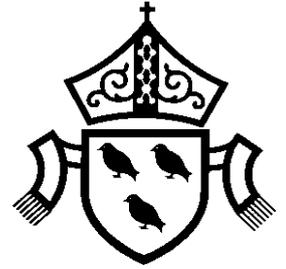
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PE and Sport Premium

As a result of the introduction of PE and Sport Premium funding we asked our staff and children about their opinions on PE in our school, what areas they liked, what areas could be improved and how we could make it even more enjoyable for everyone.

What has been put in place?

Gym was identified as a focus for staff training and the following training sessions took place:

- Introduction to gym, new curriculum, safety and ways to get out and use apparatus.
- Demonstration lessons by a PE specialist building on previous training. This was full of useful ideas and hints and tips for behaviour management and managing a class with apparatus.
- Rolls training - giving staff the qualification needed to teach forward rolls, backward rolls, handstands and cartwheels - all teaching staff are now trained and some are implementing rolls into the 'rocking and rolling' scheme of work used by year 1. The PE co-ordinator has made a book with lots of pictures and clear instructions to aid staff in recalling the key aspects of teaching rolls.
- Bench training - 120 things to do on a bench. This was very useful and packed full of ideas which are appropriate infant children.

We have extended our range of apparatus as recommended by our PE advisor/specialist teacher and purchased infant friendly beams, lower level table tops, resource books and a whiteboard to enhance lesson delivery.

Many visual resources have been placed around the hall for use within lessons, stretching and curling ideas, warm ups and cool down ideas, paired work ideas and photos to indicate where apparatus should live. The PE co-ordinator has developed further resources to use during PE sessions following the training and questionnaires and this includes resource cards, CDs, ideas and games for warm-ups and cool downs.

To raise the profile of the 'Knowledge and understanding of fitness and health' area of PE the staff have all been given new prompt sheets that include many questions (and answers) that can be used to ask children and discuss the changes that occur in our bodies when exercising.

Clubs

The range of clubs offered by staff and from outside agencies is increasing and 'paid for' clubs are being subsidised by the Sports Premium money. This includes golf, football and basketball from Summer Term 2014.

Gym trail

The Sports Premium funding is also being used to match the contribution made from the Pupil Premium finding to run the 'Gym Trail' club including paying for a member of staff to attend a training course, staff costs and the purchase of resources. This club is open to any child who would benefit from extra support with fine and gross motor skills, social skills and teamwork.

Plans for 2014 - 2015

We hope to have staff training on how to teach golf to infants, addressing the sustainability aspect of the Sports premium money.

Links are being made between us, St. Helen's Infant School and Becket Keys Secondary School. We aim to run a cross country event between us and St. Helen's using the facilities at Becket Keys. We would also like to give the children from Becket Keys a role in helping us to organise and support our children in completing the event.

We hope to improve the area surrounding the KS1 trim trail so that it can be used for longer periods of the year.

After our gym training has finished we will move our focus to dance.

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