

Sports Premium - 2018-19

St. Thomas the Martyr Primary School believes that physical education, experienced in a safe and supportive environment, makes a unique and vital contribution to a pupil's physical development and well-being.

The sports premium is funding in addition to the school's budget. Schools are free to decide how to allocate this funding to best support and improve provision of physical education [P.E.] and sport in the school.

In 2018/19 the school will receive **£17,790** in total.

We intend to use this funding in the following ways.

These include:

- Hiring specialist P.E. teachers and qualified sports coaches to work with our teachers and children. A specialist is employed in each area of P.E. per half term to ensure we provide the very best coaching for our children from coaches who are actively involved in the sport themselves.
- Supporting and engaging the least active children in additional or existing school clubs.
- Paying for professional development opportunities for staff in P.E. and sport.
- Receiving high quality up to date support materials for the planning and assessment of P.E.
- Participating in sport competitions and increasing pupils' participation in P.E. and Games.
- Providing places for pupils on after school sports clubs
- Providing training for Playground Leaders to enable the older children in the school to set up and supervise various games for younger children during the lunchtime break.
- Introduction of extended swimming sessions and increased number of sessions over the year.
- Yoga teacher employed to support children across the school - supporting good mental health and well-being.

Examples of impact include:

- More children attending our sports clubs, this is especially true of our younger children for whom there were previously fewer after school sport activities available.
- Two of our children represent the school on the local Sports Council; the children discuss sporting activities across the local schools.
- Children have participated in regional events; including a tournament at Liverpool Football Academy and the Reception children at Everton Football Club's Finch Farm training ground.
- The school has been awarded the Gold Mark in the Sainsbury's Schools Games Award for 2017/2018.
- Training for Playground Leaders was undertaken to enable the older children in the school to set up and supervise various games for younger children during the lunchtime break.
- More children representing the school in sports competitions both in curriculum time and outside school hours, by entering additional teams.
- We are now able to offer a range of lunchtime sporting clubs in addition to after school clubs.

- Younger children are more actively involved in games organised by our older children, they in turn are gaining the experience of leading sporting activities in school.

More innovative teaching in swimming including extended lessons, improved planning and motivational certificates and badges for achievement resulted in 100% of last year's Year 6 pupils reaching National Curriculum standard.

The introduction of gifted and talented swimmers after school club has given our children the opportunity to broaden their skills and abilities. We intend to continue with these strategies.

Mr Hurst has provided a half term's delivery of football skills to the Year 1, 3, 4 and 6 classes. A girls football training club was also provided as an after school club. Active Soccer have provided half term football skills sessions with the Nursery and Reception classes. They also lead a Year 5 and Year 6 after school football training club.

Year 2 and Year 5 took part team building and resilience sessions over a half term.

The Reception and Year 1 classes participated in Forest Schools delivered by the Sports Partnership. Bikeability sessions have taken place for children in the Year 5 and Year 6 classes. The Reception and Year 1 class participate in balance bike sessions over a half term.

In addition, we continue to be involved in the health and exercise project with Edge Hill University which is aiming to increase children's enjoyment and participation in exercise through a variety of interventions in school.

The sports specialists also provide a weekly exercise programme across key stage 2 (over a full term) to develop children's general fitness and knowledge around healthy living.

Children across the school have participated in Yoga sessions, delivered by a Yoga specialist.