

Physical Education and Sports Premium Funding 2020 – 2021

Funding for Physical Education and School Sport, has continued again this year with the P.E. and Sports Premium Funding from the Government.

With the P.E. and Sports Premium Funding, this year at St. Peter's, we continue to buy into the services of The Wyre and Fylde Sports Partnership, together with the services offered by AFC Fylde.

Because of the COVID 19 Pandemic and after receiving guidelines from the Government together with Lancashire County Council and the PE association of afPE and the Youth Sport Trust, we, at St.Peter's thought carefully about how we could ensure our children were provided with a rounded PE curriculum and as many opportunities to take part in physical activity as possible while keeping safe and following the guidelines.

We started and continued the school year in bubbles, in the classroom, in the playground and in the afterschool club –St.Peter's Ark.

Because of the difficulty of sharing PE equipment due to it either needing to be quarantined for up to 3 days or it needing to be scrupulously cleaned after each session, it was decided that some of the funding would be spent on providing each class bubble with a set of PE equipment for each child. This consisted of large balls, small balls and for the KS1 bubbles – bats. Within KS2, there were enough tennis rackets and balls for 2 classes to have a racket and ball each and enough cricket bats for half the class and their partners to share after strict handwashing and sanitising before and after play. This worked on a half term rota.

Due to social distancing guidelines, it was decided that all classes focus on the fundamental movement skills and within each area, each child would work on developing their personal best achievement alongside the standard for each year group. Lots of social distancing teaching ideas were provided through the Lancashire PE Passport and the Lancashire school games organisers. The latter was especially helpful during the lockdown in January, which allowed the children to access a whole variety of physical activities each day, at home, through watching videos of skills being taught and information copies of the same tasks.

Keeping Active and Healthy

With PSHE becoming a statutory subject, we have renewed our membership with the PSHE association. By joining this association it means we have access to resources and zoom meetings with advisors, to discuss the many roles the subject of PSHE covers.

The aspect of PSHE that PE. will be looking at developing is the area of Health, ie, keeping active, fostering a positive mindset and eating well.

During the Spring 2 Term, the Year 6 children were able to take part in the Bikeability programme again this year.

As part of the Government initiative for one hour of exercise each day, 30 minutes to be covered in school, we also wanted to continue providing opportunities whereby the children could be active. At the beginning of the year, when the school day was re organised due to

COVID 19, an extra playtime was included in the afternoon. One break in the morning, lunchtime break and one break in the afternoon. These playtimes would happen in bubbles either having the whole playground for each bubble or half the playground each. Again, due to the difficulty in sharing equipment, it was decided that each class bubble would have their own set of playground games equipment. These were purchased with the money from the funding. This consisted of a variety of balls, skipping ropes, bats, ankle spinners and hoops and encouraged the children to be active.

During the afternoon break, the children were encouraged to take part in a daily run.

Due to the restrictions and St.Peter's having a very well attended after school club – St.Peter's Ark, from kindergarten age through to Year 6, we were unable to take part in after school sports activities because each year group needed to be in their own bubbles and in order to do this safely, the hall, the Ark and both playgrounds needed to be used. Again, using the funding, the Ark was provided with a range of play equipment which was given to each bubble to be played with each evening, encouraging them to be active.

The Year 4 children were able to attend swimming lessons in the latter part of the year. After assessing the children, extra swimming lessons were provided, using the money from the funding, for those children who just needed to increase their confidence in swimming 25 metres.

Two water safety sessions were provided for the Year 5 class who missed these sessions due to the lockdown last year. Extra swimming sessions were also provided for children in Year 5 who just needed to increase their confidence in swimming 25 metres.

Competitions and Festivals

This year there was a big focus in curriculum lessons of the children trying to achieve their personal best in which ever skill they were learning.

We also had opportunities for intra competitions in the form of potted sports and sports day. For both competitions, each bubble competed separately, using their own equipment. For sports day, we were able to live stream this competition.