



Sports Premium and PE Curriculum (2020/21)

In the year 2020/21 South Stoke Primary School received £16470 amount of PE and Sport Premium.

At South Stoke Primary School we believe that every child can find 'their sport'. Therefore, we spend the majority of our funding bringing in new sports and activities to the school so children can try different sports outside of 'the norm'.

This year we have been unable to offer children lessons in as many extra activities as we would have liked to due to the Covid 19 pandemic. In previous years we have offered archery which has been a huge success as our team went on to win the South Oxfordshire final. We also introduced the whole school to ice skating, skiing and sno-tubing by taking the children on a trip to the local indoor ski centre. Again, this was a massive success with children experiencing these things for the first time. These 2 activities led to some children taking up archery and skating outside of school. Other specialists that have been in previously are: scootering, South American dance, hula hooping and street dance. We are hoping to get back on track with these in 2021/22 leading up to the Commonwealth games in Birmingham 2022.

We are continuing our development of training all staff involved in the teaching of PE, health and wellbeing. We employ a sports coach who comes into school twice a week and works with all the children but which are broken into smaller classes in order to develop the children's individual skills and allow them to compete with their peers. During these sessions teachers and TA's are present and use this time to learn new skills in teaching PE and how to support children in developing their abilities. A focus is placed on helping those with difficulties as well as stretching the more able. This has allowed all children to excel in PE and lead to a huge proportion of the children taking part in extra curricular sport and attendance in sports clubs and competitions is at a high level. We have also had a big focus on teaching wellbeing through PE also and our PE coordinator is currently completing a qualification in this.

Staff have also attended local and national conferences and training. This means they are up to date with important policies and initiatives within PE and School sport. This has then been fed back to other staff to ensure all members of staff are up to date. Staff training is very important in providing children with health, fitness and wellbeing and so will continue to be a focus in 2021/22.

We have also used the funding to help broaden the PE and sports activities we offer within school. We have been able to purchase equipment to teach new sports as well as improve the equipment we already have to allow all children to participate in lessons at the same time rather than having to wait for equipment to become available. This has really helped those children who weren't engaged in traditional sports and we have used the children to help research new sports. They have become involved in exploring new ideas and this has meant that the children have taken ownership of their learning.

Due to the nature of the year we have been unable to go and compete against other schools. However, our cluster schools have been joining together in virtual competitions. This has been great for the school as all children have been able to participate and join in allowing confidence to build and great achievements being made. We are looking forward to returning to some form of normal next year and being able to compete in competitions in person.

We ensure all children can swim 25m by the time they leave year 6 by ensuring top up swimming lessons to help them achieve this and improve their confidence in the last. In the year 2020/21 100% of children could swim competently and with confidence using a range of strokes. The distances achieved were far beyond the expected 25m by the majority. Some of our funding will be used to offer catch up swimming to Year 5/6 next year to ensure they can swim the 25m as many have missed regular swimming lessons for the last 2 years.

We hope to continue all the good work we have set in place in PE and sport and look to the next year as a continuance of this. We will be encouraging all children to try and find 'their sport' by inviting various different people into school to share their sport. At South Stoke Primary School we want all children to look after their fitness and wellbeing and this is a big focus of our premium expenditure to ensure the children grow to enjoy exercise and know how to look after themselves.