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Sports Premium.

Last year we received some additional funding to support the teaching of sport. This was as a result of the Olympic Games 2012 and the desire for a sustainable legacy.

Within our federation, we firstly evaluated our own skills and knowledge of each sport and thought about the additional equipment we needed to teach these games/skills to a higher standard.

For the sports that were identified by staff as requiring more support, we have employed a recognised sports provider, PACE. They have a long standing reputation within the Deal, Dover and Sandwich area for providing quality PE coaching for both primary and secondary age children. We have also used additional coaches for specific skills which were not part of the remit of PACE.

The coaches have been working alongside class teachers to enable both the children and the staff to acquire new skills and knowledge.

They have also provided one-off taster days in various sports, which are designed to interest children and encourage them to pursue other sports outside of school.

The sports covered thus far are: tag rugby, netball, multi skills, tchoukball, hockey, cricket, nu-age curling, dodge ball, dance, tennis and gymnastics.

Our plan is that during the academic year of 2014/15, the teachers will engage in a series of in-service training, where they will swap skills and expertise in the various sports that they have experienced in the 2013/14 academic year. We will continue to buy in some specific one-off sports days, to ensure that our children experience a wide range of sports, both in competitive and non-competitive situations. Within the Deal area we are also providing a greater number of inter-school competitions and sporting tournaments. This will include: football (at Warden House), athletics (at The Downs), a swimming gala (at Hornbeam), rounders (at The Downs), netball (venue tba), cricket (venue tba).

It is likely that additional funding will be released to schools for a period of time to support this valuable aspect of every child's education. Our aim is to ensure that our equipment is of good quality and that our staff are confident and knowledgeable to teach a wide range of sports, so that every child is inspired to get fit and stay healthy throughout their lives.

