



Mill Water School

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PE and Sport Premium Funding 2016 – 2017

Funding received £8,179

Our PE and sport premium has been spent on two covered sandpits, one in each of our playground areas.

Sand play is promoting physical development. Large muscle skills develop as children dig, pour, sift and scoop. Hand eye coordination and small muscle control improve as children learn to manipulate sand accessories.

Sand play is also promoting social skills. When children work together they are faced with real problems that require sharing, compromising and negotiating. A group may engage in dramatic play as they "cook," construct roadways, dig tunnels, or create a zoo for rubber animals. As children take on roles associated with their dramatic play, they learn important social skills such as empathy and perspective taking.

Cognitive development is encouraged by preparing an interesting, challenging sand play environment. This environment is achieved by continually changing and adding interesting accessories to the sandpit.

Mathematical concepts are developed during sand play by providing children with measuring spoons, cups and containers in a variety of sizes and shapes. They are learning mathematical terms such as more/less; many/few; empty/full; heavy/light.

Anticipated funding for 2017 – 2018 is £8,000.