



# Mill Water School

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## PE and Sport Premium Funding 2015 – 2016

**Funding received**

**£8,165**

Funding has been used to continue to equip the Sports Barn on our new school site and to provide equipment for our new outdoor spaces. Pupils now have access to a broad range of indoor sports equipment which means that they can experience a wider range of sports than previously. They can develop more skills and become fitter. Children's experiences in our playground areas have also been enhanced. They can now access a wider range of games and other physical activities involving them in more exercise and more team work.

**Anticipated funding for 2016 – 2017 is £8,170.**

We intend spending the money on covered sandpits in our playground area.

Sand play promotes 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 also promotes 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 can be encouraged by preparing an interesting, challenging sand play environment. This environment can be achieved by continually changing and adding interesting accessories to the sandpit.

Mathematical concepts can be developed during sand play by providing children with measuring spoons and cups, containers in a variety of sizes and shapes, balance scales, or counting bears. They can learn mathematical terms like more/less; many/few; empty/full; heavy/light.