

PE at William Austin Junior School

Intent

WAJS believes that Physical Education (PE), experienced in a safe and supportive environment, is essential to ensure children attain optimum physical and emotional development and good health.

We intend to deliver high-quality teaching and learning opportunities that inspire all children to succeed in physical education and in developing life skills. We want to teach children skills to keep them safe such as being able to swim.

We also want to teach children how to cooperate and collaborate with others as part of an effective team, understanding fairness and equity of play to embed life-long values. Our curriculum aims to improve the wellbeing and fitness of all children at WAJS, not only through the sporting skills taught, but through the underpinning values and disciplines PE promotes.

Implementation

PE at WAJS provides challenging and enjoyable learning through a range of sporting activities including; invasion games, net & wall games, strike and field games, gymnastics, dance, swimming and outdoor & adventure.

The long-term plan sets out the PE units which are to be taught throughout the year and ensures that the requirements of the National Curriculum are fully met. Pupils participate in high quality PE lessons each week, covering two sporting disciplines every half term. In addition, children are encouraged to participate in the varied range of extra-curricular activities.

Morning clubs are available five times per week; lunch time sports clubs are available each day and children can attend after school sport clubs four evenings per week. Selected children are invited to attend competitive sporting events within the local area. This is an inclusive approach which endeavours to encourage not only physical development but also mental well-being. These events also develop teamwork and leadership skills and are very much enjoyed by the children. Each year a small group of Year 6 children are selected to become Sports Leaders for the school. Children are chosen after a rigorous application process. They develop into sporting role models for the younger children and will assist with lunch-time clubs, Sports day and other Sporting activities.

All children participate in workshops covering a variety of sports throughout the year. For example, soft - archery, outdoor and adventure, climbing and martial arts. This provides the children with an opportunity to develop, improve their fitness and to try something new. Children in Year 4 swim once a week for 15 weeks. We aim to repeat the course later in school for any children that are still unable to swim. Each day children are encouraged to participate in a daily run. This takes place for five minutes at the end of each break time.

Impact

We help motivate children to participate in a variety of sports through quality teaching that is engaging and fun. From our lessons, our children learn to take responsibility for their own health and fitness, many of whom also enjoy the success of competitive sports. We equip our children with the necessary skills and a love for sport. They will hopefully grow up to live happy and healthy lives utilising the skills and knowledge acquired through PE