

# SPORTING INFLUENCE

Improving Social Skills Through Sport



## PE Provision – Primary Funding 2015-2016

Sporting Influence and Grove Road are now in their third year of partnership working together to improve PE provision across the school. This year we have developed our plan to use sport across the whole curriculum and to introduce some new sports whilst continuing with the training of our teaching staff in PE. We have added breakfast clubs, Sports numeracy, Literacy through Sport to our plan from last year.

### Professional Development

This is still at the forefront of our PE Funding work. Each year an audit is carried out of the staff to ask them to highlight which areas of PE they would ideally want extra help, guidance, ideas and confidence in so that they can deliver better PE in their lessons. The six week blocks, working alongside Sporting Influence's experienced teachers allows staff to: actively take part and learn by 'doing', team teach, lead a session and finally review the work. The 'in house' professional development model is also a way of seeing how a sports teacher would manage with the particular needs of the class and the facilities and equipment available. This whole process is always a really positive one which pupils and teacher's benefit from and enjoy and this is evident from the feedback forms the staff fill in at the end of the six week block.

This year we have identified tennis as an area for development in key stage one from September – October with Mr Ellis followed by dance for year 5/6 with Mrs Zealand from October through to December.

Professional development then begins again in the summer term with year 5/6 having Tchoukball – an exciting new invasion game being introduced across North Yorkshire and in the final half term we have planned to have some Golf and use some of the Tri Golf equipment the school have purchased previously.

### Sports Numeracy

Mr Ellis will work with approximately twenty five pupils from year 3/4 between January and February and the same number of pupils from year 5/6 between February and March. These pupils have been identified as needing extra help and motivation in their numeracy lessons. The Sporting Influence Sports Numeracy program is being used by a number of schools across Harrogate as a form of active maths and fun disguised learning for the pupils. The school works alongside Sporting Influence to identify the particular needs of the pupils prior to the program commencing and works

with the pupils over a number of hours at these specific targets in a practical setting. Our aim is to use sport to motivate the pupils, to help them enjoy learning maths and to improve in some of the key areas.

It's a great intervention and shows how the PE Funding can be used in a creative way to help across the whole school, whilst the pupils are very lucky to have this opportunity on top of their usual math's lessons.

#### Literacy through Sport

Pupils are identified by the school and given the opportunity to improve their Literacy writing skills alongside their sports and social skills with a fantastic joint program run by POBBLE and Sporting Influence at Ridding Park Golf club. Pupils get the chance to become published authors writing about their experiences when practising golf, coached by top golf professionals at some of the best practise facilities in Yorkshire. The program also involves working alongside pupils from other schools in the area, being out of their usual school environment and having to develop key social skills such as communication and trust which are so vital in the development of the well- rounded young person. This is another example of Grove Road and Sporting Influence thinking 'outside of the box' and using their PE Funding in a creative way across the whole school and curriculum.

#### Intra Competitions

Sporting Influence will work alongside the school to arrange and host some of the Intra School sports competitions in the sports they have been covering in their PE lessons. This is a great way to allow all pupils to experience being part of a team, the thrill of being in a competition and the life-long skills that you learn from dealing with winning and losing amongst many others. These competitions are played in the schools house teams so there is a real sense of competitiveness and belonging to a team.

#### Gifted and Talented sessions

Sporting Influence run extra gifted and talented sessions with groups of identified pupils at the school where we challenge them in a variety of different sports and some activities that they may not get the opportunity to experience in their class PE lessons.

#### Breakfast Clubs

There is a breakfast club once a week before school which helps get the pupils ready for school with a healthy body and healthy mind. In this club pupils have the chance to play fun team games and work with different groups of pupils from their classmates.