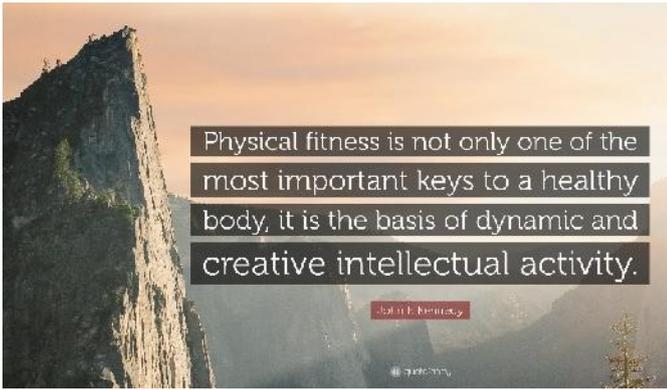


P.E. Statement



At Thornton we believe the teaching of physical activity offers powerful connections to other curriculum areas. We place great emphasis on making sure children leave primary school with a passion for physical activity, as well as a healthy mind and body.

We want our children to have the ability and confidence to be physically active for the rest of their lifetime.

By the end of KS2 all children should have the fundamental skills to take part in more competitive games and be able to evaluate their own and peers performances. We want to ensure that children are exposed to a range of sports and are given opportunities to attend sports trips and after-school clubs to improve their health and wellbeing and enhance their performance as well as their positive mind-set.

In lower KS2 our focus is to give children the basic skills required to be able to take part in sports and begin to understand their bodies and develop their performance with the emphasis on FUN and enjoyment. At this stage, it is about developing a love for physical activity that children will keep with them as they move through the education system and ultimately continue to play and be involved in for the rest of their lives.

Through high quality sports coaching and team-teaching, we believe that we can instil the skills and attributes required to, not only develop high quality performers, but also respectful, humble and well-rounded human beings. All children take part in two hours of P.E per week and children in year 3 and year 5 also participate in swimming lessons. We aim to get the children to swim 25m.

Children also attend Sainsbury's school games competitions throughout the year as well as many SEN festivals. At Thornton we encourage children to participate in healthy lifestyles offering a young leaders program to develop the children's confidence to deliver games to other children in the playground.

We also take part in the Erdington and Saltley football league on a Thursday as well as basketball netball and hockey leagues also. For the past 3 years Thornton have received the Sainsbury's school games Gold kite mark award for participation and engagement in school sport.