Area(s) of Good Practice:

- Increased participation (for all children) from KS1 and KS2 children in sport through a range of new sports clubs, exciting taster opportunities and sporting competitions.
- A Sports Crew who are taking more responsibility for sport in our school, including running a sports newspaper.

Who/what was the identified priority?

This year we have chosen to focus on the engagement of all of the children in our school in physical education. We had always had good attendance at our school clubs, however we realised that it was often the same children that were attending these. This was partly down to the school being small (100 children) but also due to the sports we were offering being too similar to clubs children were taking part in outside of school.
We also decided to develop the leadership opportunities for our children within sports, as we realised that this was an area that we were missing.

How was it identified?

Having elected our new Sports Crew, a meeting was held for our newly formed School Sports Crew to decide on our priorities for the year. The Sports Crew had recently been on a training session at our local secondary school and were keen to share some of their ideas. After looking at the clubs we offered our crew identified that the children in our school needed to experience some different types of sports. Through this meeting we also identified new roles for our Sports crew, such as being given the opportunity to referee our interhouse matches and the writing of a half termly sports newsletter.

What were the intended outcomes?

Firstly we wanted to improve all children's engagement in sporting activities whether this be in our half termly level 1 interhouse matches, experiencing new sports through our clubs or by taking more ownership of their sporting experiences. As well as this, we wanted all children to experience sport in a positive way, not just the children who are typically sporty.

What provisions were put in place?

At the start of the year we created the Broughton Sporting News, where the children write match reports, their experiences of clubs and the upcoming fixtures. This has continued to be published each half term and is enjoyed by both the children and their parents. In September I contacted a variety of different sports clubs to ask if they would come in for an hour taster session during the Easter term. We had a great response rate which has seen the children experience martial arts, golf, cricket and netball. Over 60 children have participated in these activities, with some even taking it up as a sport they participate in outside of school. We hope to arrange more of these in the future.

To help the children access a range of sports we also ensure that all KS1 children and KS2 children go on a residential. The KS1 children go away for one night and enjoy activities such as archery, go karting and team building games. The Year 3/4 children go for two nights and try high ropes, quad biking, raft building and the zip wire. Year 5/6 go on a week residential to trial a wide range of sports. We found starting our residentials early in our school benefited the children and got them used to staying away from home earlier on.

Finally we have also now ensured that the after school clubs we offer are tailored towards the children's sporting interests and towards upcoming competitive matches. The teachers lead one hour sessions weekly, in a variety of sports such as netball, indoor football, KS1 gymnastics, rounders, summer sports and cheerleading. This has been greatly enjoyed and has helped improve the participation with a greater variety of children.

How much funding did you use?

The actions we have taken so far have not actually involved a lot of our funding. As a school we managed to get a large amount of our taster sessions for free and our Sporting Crew does not use a large amount of money. Some of our funding is used for one of our clubs (and an afternoon of PPA cover) which is run by Lions in the Community.

What's next for us?

Next we would like to look at allowing our children to gain experience from other professionals. We are looking into getting professional sportsmen and women to share their stories with the children as well as in the future finding more sports that we can offer as taster sessions for all year groups.