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MARKET HARBOROUGH AND BOWDENS CHARITY DONATIONS

We have been fortunate to benefit from a very generous £60,000 funding from MHBC over the last 3 years. Please see below for the grant requests we have submitted:

2020/21/22 - £27,000 IT investment

An exciting 3 year project to equip all classrooms with the technology to support the use of Microsoft Tools, to provide a modern digital learning environment. Year 1's grant provided all classrooms with interactive whiteboards and 3 x Surface Pro devices. Year 2 and 3's grant provided further Surface Pro devices for teachers, so all are equipped with cutting-edge technology to deliver the Trust's IT strategy, ensuring that children are able to reap the rewards far sooner than would otherwise be possible.

2020 - £7,000 – EYFS outdoor area

The aim of this project was to develop the outdoor environment for the early years [EYFS] at our school in order to provide a rich, high quality learning environment for the children in our care. This would support all children but especially those children who have limited early years' experience and limited opportunities to play and learn outside at home. The project supported our vision for developing opportunities for outside learning in our school. We have already funded a Forest School site and are keen to put outside learning/ opportunities to be active at the heart of our curriculum. The school recognises the significant impact nature and our connection to nature can have on our wellbeing and understanding of the world.

2021 - £6,000 books - Developing a love of reading is a core strategy in our school development plan, and with this funding we were able to invest in new reading books for our library, as well as expanding our range of phonics books in line with the new phonics scheme we are using. This will enable us to drive the love of reading from first entry into school right through to independent reading age.

2022 - £20,000 playground markings and adventure playground equipment

The aim of this project was to develop the outdoor playing areas of school, which are tired and outdated. Improvements include new markings to EYFS and year 1 playgrounds, plus the bottom playground. The new markings have improved areas accessed by all ages of pupils in the school, to maximise pupils' physical activity during breaktimes, and also provide games to stimulate social development. A new trim trail comprising 18 items of play equipment with a bark surround, located on the school field, is accessed by all children in the spring/summer months. The equipment stimulates physical activity and play.

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