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# Frodsham Town Council

Castle Park, Frodsham,  
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## Grant Completion Form

Your organisation has received a grant from Frodsham Town Council. Please can you complete this form once you have completed your project and send it back to the Town Clerk at the above address.

Organisation	Frodsham Manor House PTA
Contact Name	Naomi Anstice
Project Name	BSL
Amount of Grant	£410

### Completion statement

Please give brief detail of the project and explain how the grant has helped you to complete it:

Firstly many thanks for the grant. With last year being so Covid based in school we wanted to save the last section of our grant which was used in October 2021 so sorry for the lateness in completing this form. We were just waiting for the final part of the spending to be used.

As a school we decided to follow the guidance for no singing indoors to be more covid secure. This then allowed us to introduce the teaching of British Sign Language as some music curriculum time was freed up. All classes were taught to sign their own name, a basic introduction conversation, how to ask if each other was alright and answer using signs for different emotions, colours numbers etc. Half the funding went towards funding a license so we could follow a program doing this online. We have also been doing lots of songs using sign language which has been continuing this term now we are singing again. This term we have been working on True Colours, Three Little Birds, Swing Low and Oh When The Saints.

The grant also funded two visitors. One was online over Zoom where we met a Hearing Dog Ambassador (the dog being the ambassador) and her human assistant. We were taught about how dogs can assist in different ways and what to do if we meet a hearing dog. We found out about how this particular dog has learnt lots of skills to help humans around the house and outside which were demonstrated for us as well as being taught some new signs by someone fluent in BSL.

The final quarter of the grant was just used last week although booked last summer. We really wanted this experience to be in person. We hired a Cheshire based company called Gripping Yarns who led a storytelling workshop for our Year 1 and 2 children. The story was about a young boy who was finding life difficult and having particular issues with communication. As the story goes on he starts to learn BSL and finds he can communicate

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with others using this medium. It taught our children about acceptance, problem solving, emotional awareness and the importance of communication and how all methods are worthy and relevant.

We are continuing to learn BSL in lessons and will be continuing to use the online provision which the grant allowed us to access. We will be using some of our BSL songs when Key Stage Two perform at Frodsham Christmas Festival so you may get to see some of the impact in person.

Please send photographs of your project, if you have any. These might be used in our Annual Report to show residents how the money was spent.