



OPAL

Outdoor Playing And Learning 2020



Happy New Year!

Welcome back. It is great to see you all enjoying your play times together.

Many thanks to those who gifted their old toys and wellies to top up our supplies. It was great to see and hear that Father Christmas had put so many of you on the good list.



Operatives

Thank you to the OPAL operatives who met this week and took on new roles for the term. All children with jobs have been great role models. They have helped the flow of play and have assisted in creating so many of our new play opportunities. I hope their enthusiasm continues throughout the Spring term.

We have also introduced a **Welly Monitor** position for each class. They will remind you all to put your wellies on the stands correctly. The welly monitors will check you have your wellies together and in the stand the correct way .

It is not their job to put them all away!

If you have old trainers please ensure they are stored in a carrier bag on your peg.

Remember: everyday is a welly day on the field. If the field is closed, the prayer garden will be open for sensory activities like playdough with Mrs Barton.

Weather permitting the Secret Garden will be open Monday- Wednesday and by checking the gate, you will know if wellies are needed.

The quieter, calmer way to spend your play time.



The revamped reading shed is proving a hit. It is themed 'Under the Sea' with a selection of 'Sponge Bob Square Pants' books for you to read at your leisure. Alternatively you can bring your own books from home to read in this cosy, comfortable space.

The reading shed theme has also spilled over into the writing shed, where you can find some new colouring and writing materials.

Unfortunately we have lost the windows so we have decided to use a storage box to store these resources. Mrs Allison will put it in and out, of the shed, daily to preserve them.



Photographs by Daisy and Ruby

Tuck Shop

The tuck shop was well received last term. Children independently made healthy choices as well as enjoying some sweet treats.

So it will continue this term. The tuck shop will be open on the last Thursday of each month. Two treats for 50p.

Profits made will be used to enhance or replace OPAL resources.

SPRING DIARY DATES

Tuck shop - 30/01/20

Hat raffle - 14/02/20

Tuck shop - 27/02/20

Hat raffle - 03/04/20

Tuck shop - 26/03/20

Future Events

- Stay and Play in the Secret Garden (weather permitting) 14/02/20
- Double morning play time 03/04/20