

OPAL Newsletter Autumn 2021

MUD! GLORIOUS MUD!!



Welcome to our first OPAL Newsletter. Each half term we will send out a newsletter updating you on all the exciting things that have been happening during our play times. We would like to say a HUGE thank you to the MPSA for helping to fund our OPAL project - we are really looking forward to making our play times better!

Thank you to all our parents who have already sent in wellies and outdoor coats for your children. This is a vital part of our project which will enable the children to use more of our site, whatever the weather. If you haven't already done so, please can you send in your child's named wellies as soon as possible so they don't

Fun in the Spinney

We are so lucky to have such an amazing environment as The Spinney as part of our school grounds and the children have definitely explored it fully, with it being a popular place for imaginative play. It's amazing to witness the fantastic creativity of our children and we look forward to the exciting changes Autumn will bring to the play opportunities available.

Climbing Poles

The installation of climbing poles was completed for the start of the summer term. They have proved to be extremely popular with some very adventurous children!



Creative Play

Every day we see something different happening outside. Please take the time to ask your children about their play. They may surprise you with their ideas!!



Coming Soon

Watch out for our mud kitchen area. Even more reason to send in those wellies!!

Wishlist

To make our OPAL project successful, we are looking for lots of 'loose parts'. These are things that can be moved, changed, combined and incorporated into children's free play



Suitcases of any size and type
Anything on wheels/ castors - which the children can move
Plastic milk crates
Road signs and cones
Kitchen pots, pans, baking trays, work tables, wooden spoons, chopping boards
Tools like spades, trowels and brooms
Tubes of various sizes and various materials
Buckets
Nets and ropes

Fabric (large sheets/ brightly coloured fabric)
Foam sheets / body boards
Wooden pallets
Metal frames
Cable drums
Guttering
Noodles (the type you use in the swimming pool!)
Pegs (to help to set up dens)