

# OPAL NEWS

Summer 1, 2021

Welcome to our third newsletter. This has been the first half term where all the children have been able to enjoy the new resources to play with outside. We have seen some brilliant play in both the sunshine and the rain!

In this newsletter, we will share some new additions to our site and some fantastic play but you can also keep up to date on our Facebook and Twitter pages.

## Thank you!

Thank you to Mr O'Brien, who made us four climbing frames, Mr Sach, who made us a wooden boat, and Mrs Armstrong, who made a bench for outside our reading bus. The children have absolutely loved these new additions to our playground and they have been much-loved already.

We'd also like to say thank you to Mr Cambray and The Sirius Group Demolition for helping us save playground equipment from an old school site ready to be loved again at our school. Here's a few pictures of what we have already installed.



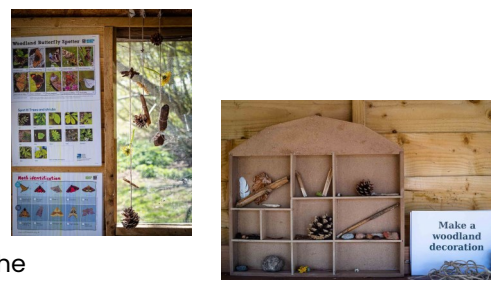
## Brilliant Play

Here are some brilliant examples of our children enjoying their playtimes and the wonderful things they have been up to.



## Play Leaders

Mrs Wilson and Mrs Whelan have had a brilliant first half term in their new role of 'Play Leaders'. They've been setting up equipment for the children and giving our old reading shed a new lease of life as our 'wildlife shed'. The children have been enjoying making models out of the natural resources we have on our grounds and looking for the different plants and insects.



## Wishlist

We are on the hunt for more loose parts and larger items for our playtimes.

Do you have any of these things? Please drop them off at the office or, if your item is large, contact us to arrange a day for delivery and we will help you.

- Guttering or tubes
- Bamboo poles
- Milk crates
- Wooden Pallets
- Road signs and cones
- Suitcases or anything on wheels
- Tyres
- Tarpaulin
- Tools—brooms, spades and trowels
- Bins and buckets
- Old parasols/pop-up tents
- Insect or plant explorer kits
- Pegs
- Plastic bath toys (good for puddles!)
- Planks of wood
- Kitchen pots, pans, baking trays, wooden spoons, worktops and chopping boards
- Buckets and spades
- Foam sheets or body boards
- Cable drums
- Soft balls and shuttlecocks
- Any large plastic toys (like cars) that can withstand rain
- Noodles (the type used at pools!)