OPAL NEWS

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 FOBs for funding our OPAL project – we are really looking forward to making our play times better!

Thank you!

Thank you to all our parents for being so supportive by sending in wellies and outdoor trousers for your children. This is a vital Part of our project which will enable children to more of our site, whatever the weather.

Amazing Creations

This term, the children have had a wonderful time playing outdoors and we have already seen some incredible creations made from lots of left over branches and logs. Here are some of them:

The Year 4 children made an amazing den and a workshop.

The Year 3 children made a Stone Age Settlement

Bexton Bus

You might have noticed something new in the playground... We listened to the children and they wanted a larger reading shed – so we found them a bus full of books!

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.

We will be buying and collecting a large number of loose parts but we need your help to make this happen.

Do you have any of these things? Please drop them off outside reception. If you have anything too large, please let us know in advance so someone is available to help you.

- **Guttering or tubes**
- **Bamboo poles**
- **Milk crates**
- **Wooden Pallets**
- **Road signs and cones**
- **Suitcases or anything on wheels**
- **Tyres**
- **Large pieces of fabric and/or netting**
- **Tarpaulin**
- **Tools—brooms, spades and trowels**
- **Bins and buckets**
- **Pegs**
- **Planks of wood**
- **Small toys - dolls, cars, dinosaurs, animals etc.**
- **Kitchen pots, pans, baking trays, wooden spoons, worktops and chopping boards**
- **Buckets**
- **Foam sheets or body boards**
- **Cable drums**
- **Noodles (the type used at pools!)**

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