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Opal Play update



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Dear Parents/Carers

We're really looking forward to our next OPAL Play session tomorrow (Friday!) The children had such a fantastic time last week exploring and creating in their new play zones, and we can't wait to see what they come up with next. Whilst we are currently trialling these sessions each Friday, Opal play will eventually be rolled out every day.

The forecast suggests it might be a wet one, so we advise that children come with their wellies and waterproof clothing if possible. While it's not essential, it will help them to enjoy a fully immersive experience and make the most of the play opportunities, puddles and all!

Children without suitable clothing will still take part but won't be able to be as fully immersive in the wet play areas, and we'd hate for anyone to miss out on the fun!

We're also continuing to collect wet-weather-friendly donations to help us grow our OPAL play resources. If you have any of the following that you no longer need, we'd be very grateful:

- Waterproofs or wellies (any sizes)
- Buckets, tubs, or plastic containers
- Old kitchen utensils, pots, or pans for our mud kitchen
- Guttering or pipes for water play
- Plastic or bath toys
- Tarps, crates, or waterproof fabric

Thank you so much for your ongoing support, it's been wonderful to see the children's excitement and creativity shining through these sessions, no matter the weather!

We'll be sharing some photos from Friday's session on our school Instagram, so keep an eye out to see OPAL play in action.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Hornby
Assistant Headteacher