

OPAL NEWSLETTER

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ROBY PARK OPAL LAUNCH

Over the Autumn term, we have been excited to launch the OPAL programme at Roby Park Primary. We have created a fantastic working group made up of staff, parent champions and governor champions who are supported by our OPAL mentor, Mike Barclay.

You will receive half termly updates, sharing all the exciting news and changes taking place. You will find out what we have newly introduced and the impact it has on your children's play.

Check out our dedicated OPAL page on the website for all the latest information:

<https://robyparkprimary.co.uk/curriculum-2/opalprogramme/>



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OUR VISION

Opal's vision is that every child in every school has an amazing hour of high quality play every day – with no exceptions. We completely endorse this vision - our aim is to ensure that all of our children experience at least an hour of high quality play every day. Over the coming weeks and months, we will continue to expand and develop our playtimes. We will include spaces and resources to enable our children to immerse themselves in all 16 play types. We will explain these in more detail in our upcoming newsletters. In order for us to not overwhelm the children, and to be able to teach them the skills they require to manage their own risks, we need to take small steps. The resources we provide will grow week on week.



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PLAY ASSEMBLIES

One of the first changes the children will encounter will be our new Play Assemblies. These will take place weekly and this is where each new item or area of play will be introduced to the children. We will ask them;

- How could we play with this?
- What risks could there be?
- Is this something you would enjoy to play with?

We will then let the children know when these items, or this area, will be available for them to use. This gives the children an opportunity to process the change, absorb this information, and self-evaluate any potential risks for themselves.



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HOW CAN YOU HELP?

So all children can access the field, no matter the weather, please ensure your child has a pair of wellies they can keep in school by **Monday 15th April.**

If you have any outgrown, pre-loved wellies, we would love to take them off your hands should you want to donate them to school. Please pop them into the office. Thank you.

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