

OPAL Assembly

An introduction to OPAL

16 May 2025

What is OPAL?

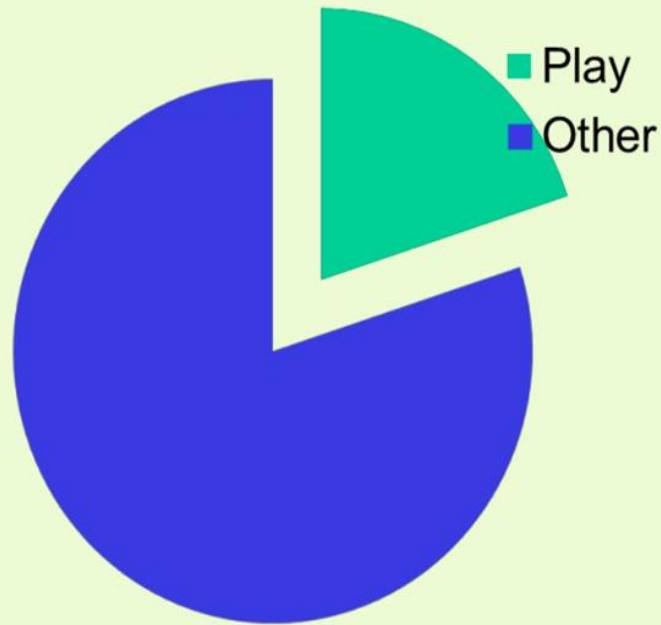
- OPAL is an outdoor play and learning programme that is committed to ensuring more active and creative playtimes that are enjoyed by all. By achieving this we hope to reduce the number of accidents as well as the number of disagreements.



Why is this so important?



Play makes up 20% of school life



Per Year
231 hours
37 days
7.4 weeks

Primary Years
1.4 years



The OPAL Play Team



Mrs Bhardwaj

Curricular Leads

Mrs Bhardwaj and Miss Griffiths are the curricular leads for OPAL. They are in charge of implementing OPAL and planning what, how and when we are going to make things happen.



Miss Griffiths



Mr Barnieh

Play Coordinator

Mr Barnieh is the play coordinator. He will be supporting the play team to implement the changes and help every child to enjoy play in a creative, fun and safe way.

The OPAL Play Team



Mrs Bencheikh



Mrs Parsons



Mrs Doughty



Mrs Begum



Ms Feller



Mrs Johnston



Mrs Star



Mrs Mclevey



Mrs Cash



Mrs Clarke



Miss Preston



Mr. Cullen



Mrs Andoh



Ms Gogna



Mrs Greenan



Mrs Cullen



Mrs Matthews

Our Play Assemblies.....



1. Celebrate

Examples of amazing play – photos and videos.

2. Inform

Letting you know about anything new, how it will be managed and why and what may be happening in the future.

3. Negotiate

Working out together and agreeing how we will use the resources, how we will manage the risk, how we share the resources.

4. Innovate

Thinking about what resources or changes are needed to help play evolve through observing and responding to how you are playing.



Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you all for the donations in the previous week.

This week, we would love it if you could donate any good quality space figures, sea animals and similar toys.

Donations can be placed on the table in the main Reception entrance, which is pictured below.

Thank you so much for your support – we really appreciate your help in making our outdoor play even more creative and fun!

- Look after and tidy up the resources.
- Share ideas in school council meetings.
- Look out for the different play spaces as they start to appear.
- Collect resources from home.
- Embrace Opal Play.



What is next?

- A letter with more information about OPAL is going home to parents and carers.
- We will be having a play assembly on Monday and will be introducing games to the outdoor classroom.
- During half-term Mrs Flemming and Mr Young will be sorting more exciting projects for OPAL.