



## OPAL Spring 2 Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

Spring has sprung, and Reception has officially joined our playground.

### **Parents OPAL Play Invitation**

During the Summer Term, we will invite you to experience our OPAL play with your child during lunchtime - dates to be confirmed. It will take place on a Friday lunchtime between 11:45 and 1:15. There will be a short talk about OPAL at Burlington Infants and Nursery School, and then you will be able to play with your child using the OPAL equipment.

### **HELP NEEDED!**

If anyone is free on **Friday, March 28th**, please do let me know, as I would love to have some help. If you can spare a morning, afternoon, an hour, or the day, I would be ever so grateful. I will be drilling through tyres, connecting them together, and filling them with hardcore and soil. Please email the office and let them know whether you can help and for how long. For more information on what we will be creating see the tyre mound below.

### **Orchard Updates**

#### **Weather and Mud Glorious Mud**

Even with a few days of nice weather, we have still had a lot of rain. This has resulted in the Orchard becoming very muddy and flooded in certain areas. We have witnessed many children giggling with delight while jumping up and down in puddles and making mud pies. Some children have gone home with mud on their clothes or coats, and we need your help with this.

We would be grateful if you could:

- Donate any old waterproof trousers or all-in-ones
- Put a spare pair of socks and navy/black leggings/jogging bottoms in your child's book bag so that they can change.

#### **Bark**

Over the half-term break, Miss Farr, Miss Biscoe, Miss Ellis, Mrs Yay-Walker, Mrs Pirinin and her children, Mr Williams, and I made a few changes to the Orchard. Our first task of the day was to use all of the bark left over from the tree surgeon. With this, we created a dedicated bark zone surrounded by tyres and filled certain areas of the orchard with bark to help with the muddiness.



## Tyre Mound

Our next half-term task was to begin creating a tyre mound, which is similar to a small pyramid made of tyres. By three o'clock in the afternoon, we had created the first level of our tyre mound using 24 tyres. We still have another two or three levels of our tyre mound to complete. **On Friday 28th March** we will be building level 2 of our tyre mound, any help will be greatly appreciated.



Kind regards,

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Outdoor Curriculum Leader