

## Welcome Back

A NEW YEAR FULL OF SO MANY MORE OPPORTUNITIES TO PLAY!

A warm welcome to all our new reception starters and new families joining Repton Manor. I'm sure in no time all your children will be telling you all about the exciting things they are getting up to at lunch time. To learn more about OPAL you can visit <https://outdoorplayandlearning.org.uk/>.

One real highlight from last year was our Outdoor Learning Day when we invited families to join in the lunchtime fun. It was a fantastic day for all the children, grown up's and staff. Please keep an eye out on the school newsletters as we are hoping to run a few of these over the next school year. It's amazing how much more OPAL has grown since your last visit and we can't wait to show you. Our one this term is Wednesday 5th October, more details to follow.

## So what's Next?

As we enter our third term of OPAL you might be wondering what else is there to bring? Well, lots more! We are still working through the 16 fundamental play types. Our goal is to assure that children have access to explore all these types of play, but in their own way.

**PLAY TYPES**

- Symbolic Play
- Locomotor Play
- Recapitulative Play
- Creative Play
- Exploratory Play
- Communication Play
- Role Play
- Fantasy Play
- Socio-dramatic Play
- Object Play
- Mastery Play
- Deep Play
- Risk and Tumble Play
- Dramatic Play
- Social Play
- Imagination

NEW



In term 6, I worked with 8 children from Year 5 who were selected by their class teacher to help me with a new project, this was 'small world.' I advised the children of what the vision was and then let them create and design their own pieces. They drew their plans, created material lists and got to work. At the end of every session they produced a blog to document the process. When they finished their creations these incredibly brave children stood up in front of the whole school and introduced small world in one of our play assemblies. They gave the children their outlines of the 'do's and don'ts' and also gave the children opportunities to discuss how they would use small world. Please visit our school website to view the blog and some pictures of the process. <https://www.reptonmanorprimary.co.uk/our-children/opal-playtimes/opal-playtimes-term-6-project-2022/>

This is something I will be doing each term with different year groups, so look out for some more exciting builds from our children.



## Opal Summer Challenge



Thank you to all our children and families for collecting for our summer challenge. As the autumn comes into full swing, we will start to see more conkers and pinecones, please do continue to collect these when you are out on your adventures and bring them into school.

Thank you to all those who have donated items and to our wonderful families who have provided builds for us. It really is greatly appreciated and we love adding these items to our children's play. Please do keep an eye out on the donation board by the front gate to see what we are on the look out for next!

Don't forget to check the Opal Playtimes section of our website for updates  
<https://www.reptonmanorprimary.co.uk/our-children/opal-playtimes/>

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