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Opal Playtimes - Winter is coming!



Is your child ready for winter play?

We are extremely proud to be an OPAL school who values the emotional and health and well-being benefits of children's play. We know how valuable play is to all of our children and we aim to make all of our playtimes as great as they can be for all of our children.

We all know that the Great British weather is not always sunny and warm and we do not want to let this stop us from enjoying our playtimes. We will continue spending the autumn and winter months playing outside in all weathers. Unless there is extreme weather, the children will be able to play outdoors enjoying every area of our play provision in every weather type.

So, now is the time to think about getting ready for winter play times at Repton.

Clothing Needed

What can you do?

Please send your child to school with the following NAMED items of clothing every day:

- A waterproof coat with a hood.
- A pair of welly boots / trainers that will keep their feet dry.
- A warm hat and some warm gloves.
- If your child loves getting muddy, you can also send in a pair of waterproof trousers.

What have we done?

We have an easily accessible box of spare coats, hats and welly boots to support anyone who may need them. We will also have some all in one wet suits in a range of sizes very soon. Please feel free to donate any unwanted coats, hats and boots to the school.
















Getting Messy, Wet or Muddy

What can you do?

If you know that your child loves to get muddy / play with water, please do consider sending them into school with a NAMED pair of waterproof trousers so that we can keep them as dry and warm as possible. We will also allow any child to get changed if they are cold and wet, if they have a spare change of clothes in school with them. Please feel free to send in a NAMED change of clothes for your child.

What have we done?

At Repton Manor, we have made many plans for Opal Play in the winter months – we have been planning for this weather for a while! We have put lots of things in place to allow our children to continue to enjoy wonderful playtimes, despite the weather.

<p>We will always remind children to put on their coats when they are playing outside in cold or wet weather.</p>	
<p>We will open the Rainbow Room for children to play quiet board games in for any child who really does not want to be outside.</p>	 
<p>We have created some covered areas for children to play in in wet weather and we have got together some materials for them to make their own waterproof dens.</p>	  
<p>We have wellie boot storage for Key Stage One children.</p>	
<p>We have wellie boot pullers for younger children.</p>	
<p>We have put our old lockers outside to create outdoor shoe lockers for KS2 children.</p>	
<p>We have made a change of footwear (wellies / old trainers) a non-negotiable in all wet / muddy areas.</p>	
<p>We have installed wellie boots washing and seating areas.</p>	 
<p>High use mud areas will be closed to protect the school grounds.</p>	
<p>We have provided a broom and a dustpan and brush per classroom – so that children can keep their classroom areas tidy and clean.</p>	
<p>We are in the process of planning creative pathways to our creative area and the mud kitchen.</p>	

If you have any further questions about Opal Playtimes in the winter months at Repton, please do contact one of our Opal Play Team; Miss Pittam, Mrs Mannering, Mr Wells or Mrs Chambers.

Many thanks for your continued support with our playtimes,

Miss Pittam
Opal Curricular Lead for Play