



Dear Parents,

The Outdoor Play and Learning Project will start in Term 3 and our hopes are that it will change the way we think and how we play together. To facilitate this project, we will need to buy some new resources, move some things around on the playground and require some loose parts. Loose parts are any materials that can be easily moved, combined, and incorporated into children's free play. We will be asking for donations throughout the year so if you think you may be throwing items out then just hold fire! The items we are looking for will enable us to enjoy a wider range of play experiences during playtime:

Items for January:

- 1) Small world figures, these include cars, farm animals, people, characters, dinosaurs, mystical creatures and space world.
- 2) Any large fabric or tarpaulins for den building- if anyone knows any businesses that may donate these please let me know.
- 3) Any day to day clothes e.g. shirts, skirts, jackets, hats, scarves, feather boas (NO COSTUME CHARACTERS LIKE DISNEY PRINCESSES ETC)
- 4) Any spare Lego or building blocks.

These items will enable us to use our small world zone, lego/building, dressing up zone, and den building!

We will be holding a collection week from Wednesday **10th January until Wednesday 17th January**. The sooner we do this, the sooner the children will be able to play with the items! Please do not bring your donations in before this date, as we will have nowhere to store them. There will be donation boxes on the **KS1 playground** and on the decking by the Y3/5 cloakroom for donations to be put in the mornings.

There will be more information to follow at a parent's session later in the year when you will be invited to come and play with your children. We are really excited about this project and hope that you will support us in our efforts to improve playtime for all children.

Yours sincerely

Mr Hogwood and the OPAL Team.