

Dear Families,

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As you are aware, we are embarking on an exciting journey for the next 12-18 months to transform our play curriculum. Already you will have heard about small changes we have made to develop our play, including opening up more of the school ground, for more of the year.

After initial discussions with our OPAL children's group, we have noticed how important creative and imaginative play is to them, and we have made plans to develop our 'quiet garden' to support this.

What is small world play?

Small world play really does what it says on the tin – it's **when children play with resources that represent an environment, but in miniature**. Your small world play could represent a real-life place, like a farm, or it might be a completely imaginary world. Small world play is an excellent opportunity for kids to expand their ever-growing language skills. From exploring new vocabulary to organizing ideas, and developing sequencing skills, small world play can support children in becoming effective storytellers as they narrate their miniature adventures.

If you have any small world play items at home, such as dinosaurs, farm or other animal figures, miniature vehicles, or small loose parts to help create a 'world' that you would be willing to donate to the school we would greatly appreciate it. Please could these be handed in to the school office.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

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