



Opal Newsletter

April, Term 5



This Term

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you all had a wonderful Easter break! Our topic this term is 'What is a shadow?' and the children will be exploring light and dark, including where light comes from and why space is dark. Through hands on investigations and play, we will explore light sources and electrical circuits as well as finding out how we can make shadows. We will also look at artwork by famous artists linked to light and dark including Monet's Starry Night.

In story time, we will explore how we feel when it is dark through stories such as 'Owl Babies' by Martin Waddell, 'Night Monkey, Day Monkey' by Julia Donaldson and 'The Way Back Home' by Oliver Jeffers.

In maths, we will continue to practise our number recognition, counting skills and subitizing skills. Building on finding one more or one less, we will continue to explore the concepts of addition and subtraction through practical play-based activities.

Help your child prepare for their project

When outdoors with your child, play a game of catching shadows. Explore making shadows big/small, high/low. Can you make shadow puppets together to tell a favourite story or make shadow animals with your hands?

Key vocabulary

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| • light | • electricity | • Light bulb | • scared |
| • dark | • sun | • torch | • safe |
| • shadow | • star | | • What feeling? |

Important Dates

Bank Holiday: Monday 4th May

End of Term: Friday 22nd May

Reminders

Please can the pupils come in wearing their P.E kits on **Wednesdays**. We will also have shorter PE sessions on Mondays, but kits will not be needed for this.

Now the weather is warming up, please could children have a sunhat to wear at playtimes and suncream for sunny days. Just a little reminder to name all the children's clothing and belongings, this helps us to reunite it quickly and reduces anxiety when items are misplaced.

The children are welcome to bring in a small healthy snack for break, for example a piece of fruit/vegetable or crackers.

Please do not hesitate to use the Class Dojo app to communicate with us if you are unable to speak to us in person at drop off or pick up times.



Opal



Ruby



Onyx



Topaz



Quartz



Sapphire



Emerald