# KS1 Hollinswood Hub

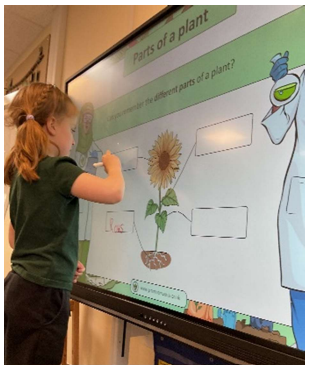
## Newsletter 17.04.26

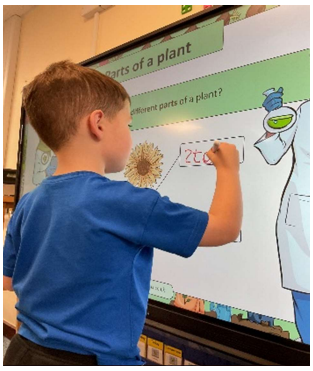
Hello and welcome back to the summer term.

It was lovely to see the children happily return to school and share their photos and stories of their Easter fun.

This week in Science, the Yr2 children started their learning by discussing and investigating their new '**Big Question- How do seeds and bulbs grow into healthy plants?**'

While the Yr1 children, have been identifying and labelling the parts of a plant. Together, we explored a wide range of fruits, vegetables, herbs and plants to investigate the plants we can and cannot eat.



Later in the week, the children explored a range of seeds and bulbs before making plastic-free and eco-friendly plant pots, from recycled toilet rolls. They then planted their sunflower seeds ready to nurture, observe and record their findings over time, before making a DIY greenhouse to protect their seedlings as they grow.

In Phonics and literacy, the children have continued to know and remember more, as they apply their growing phonic knowledge and literacy skills to their writing. On Thursday, they worked independently to complete their 'First of the Month' writing task for April. Amazing work guys, well done!!

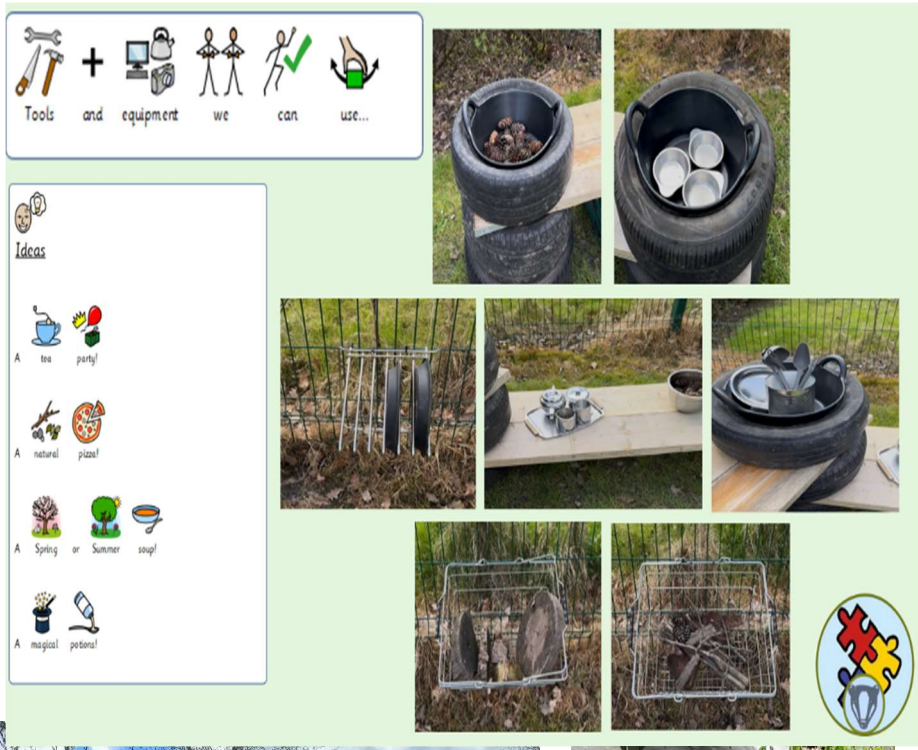
This week, we have introduced '**Opal Play**' to the Hub garden.

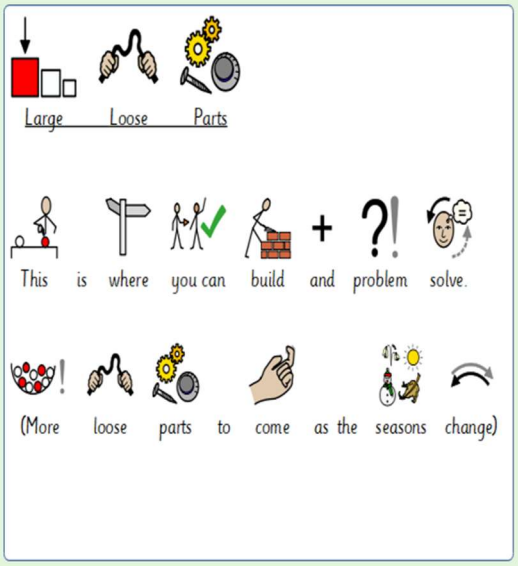
Opal play is a programme to improve opportunities for physical activity, socialisation, cooperation, coordination, resilience, creativity, imagination and enjoyment through improved play.

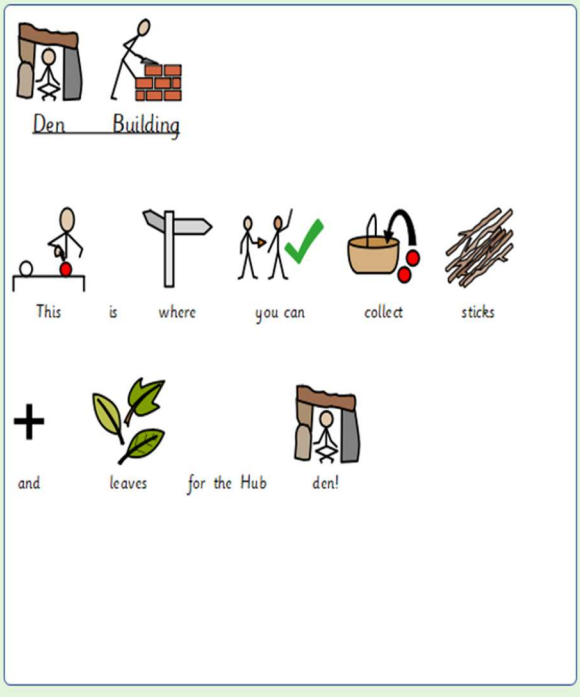
OPAL stands for Outdoor Play and Learning and is a programme endorsed and supported by Sport England. OPAL's mission statement is...

**"To ensure that every schoolchild has an amazing playtime every day with no exceptions."**

So far, we have introduced a **Nature Kitchen, A large loose parts area, A small loose parts area and a Den building area.** We will be adding more to each area as the seasons change.




Large Loose Parts
This is where you can build and problem solve.
(More loose parts to come as the seasons change)


Den Building
This is where you can collect sticks
and leaves for the Hub den!

As you can see, we have had a fabulous first week back and we are very proud of the children for all their hard work, thank you.

<u>Additional Information</u>

Monday ---------- Yr1 Link class P.E
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Tuesday ---------- Hub P.E
Date TBC ---------- Hub Forst school session

} Children to wear their P.E kits to school.

Reading at home- 3 x per week. (Reading books and reading diaries to be returned to school daily)