



OPAL

Observation of Play and Learning

Opal: A precious stone whose colour changes depending
on your viewpoint.

A gem that comes in many shimmering colours.



This is a model of **effective, meaningful and principled** assessment of young children's learning.

By **effective**, we mean a method of assessment that ensures all children are supported in reaching significant milestones.

By **meaningful**, we mean that the observations inform our everyday practice and curriculum.

By **principled**, we mean that our focus is on **observing to understand** children.

We will not spend unnecessary amounts of time writing observations or gathering evidence of children's learning.

We believe that if we are **capturing** the moment, we cannot be **part** of the moment.

SPOTLIGHT MONTH

Children will be assessed during their month of their birthday and 6 months later (half birthday)

The children will be assessed in 5 areas:

- Personal, Social and Emotional Development
- Communication and Language
- Physical Development
- Literacy
- Maths

Children will be assessed using milestones of typical development for their age.

Spotlight Assessment Meeting

The Whole Early Years Team

Professional Discussion about each SPOTLIGHT
child

What Next? & Strategies...

Parent Consultations

You will have a consultation with the class teacher following your child's spotlight months.

This is a chance to discuss:

- Observations of your child at play
- Child's interests and current knowledge
- Development in areas of learning
- Next steps and plans

Summer Birthdays

If your child has an August Birthday then they will have their spotlight month either in July or September, depending on if they are staying with us at Christ Church or moving on to another setting.

Any Questions?