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Tapestry

Dear Parents/Carers,

You should all have received an email containing details of how to log on to your child's Tapestry account today. If you haven't already done so, please activate this as it is time-limited.

In Reception, we use Tapestry to record practical observations of the children and link this clearly with the learning objectives within our Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) Curriculum. Tapestry is used for Teacher Assessment; however, the online learning journeys also allow you, as parents, to view your child's observations and photographs from their time in Reception.

Please note that Tapestry is not the only information we use to assess your child's development. Do not be concerned if regular entries do not appear from school. Your child's learning is still being tracked in line with new EYFS reforms. We will record their learning in their learning journey book, through written assessments and through written observations too. By moving away from regular observations, more time will be released for teaching and learning. We understand that some pre-school providers and nurseries may use Tapestry in other ways.

Additionally, all children play and learn in close proximity with their friends and through taking part in group learning activities. Therefore, photographs and observations of your child's learning are often likely to include other children. Unfortunately, you will not be able to see observations that include other children due to data protection; however, these observations are vital for teacher assessment.

What we would like you to do as Parents/Carers:

Tapestry allows parents and carers to add observations and photographs of their own as well as upload comments. Not only do we love to hear about your child's home learning but home insights are incredibly useful as we get to know the children's interests, skills and preferred play activities outside of school. This supports us in providing unique learning experiences at school specifically to support each child's individual learning and needs.

More information about the EYFS Curriculum and how children learn in Reception will be provided at the 6-Week-In meeting on 7th October. There will also be an opportunity to ask any questions that you may have.

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to seeing your child's home observations.

Kind regards,

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