

Dear Parents,

We are currently creating a Tapestry online journal account for your child. In school Tapestry is how we record significant learning and progress individually for each child. We are able to record observations along with evidence in the form of photographs and videos. These enable us to assess your child's learning and plan for their next steps. It also builds the evidence that we need in order to complete the Foundation Stage Profile for your child at the end of their Reception year. As a parent you are able to see all of the observations in your child's Tapestry. As well as helping you to see their progress regularly this also gives you a great snapshot of some of the things that we do in school! We always encourage parents to share any new learning or interesting experiences from home with us via Tapestry, we love seeing what children have been doing at home.

Ordinarily we would be starting these accounts in September, but we felt it would be a really useful way of getting to know your child better during this digital transition. You will shortly receive an email asking you to activate your Tapestry account. Please do this as soon as possible as the link does have an expiry time; it shouldn't take long. We will be using the email that has been given to us upon registration and setting up one parent per child. Please check your junk box and let us know if you haven't received it by Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June. In September we will give you the opportunity to add other family members to your account too. Tapestry can be used on a computer or via an app. If you have any issues creating your account or using Tapestry please give the office a ring and one of our Early Years teachers will get back to you as soon as possible to help.

Once you are signed up please feel free to upload some posts with your child. For this digital transition period we would love you to use Tapestry to help us get to know your child and all the things they enjoy doing. Your child might want to film a short video to introduce themselves, share a picture they have drawn, tell us about their favourite toy or introduce the family goldfish...we would love to hear and see all about it! Each week we will be sharing videos with stories, songs, experiments and craft activities. Your child may want to have a go at some of these and share them with us.

We look forward to getting to know you soon!

Kind regards,

The Foundation Stage Team