

Dear Parents/Guardians,

1st October 2019



We have chosen to use the online system Tapestry to record your child's learning through their Reception year. Tapestry is a website which can be accessed on a computer or laptop, and on any Apple or Android device.

Instead of using our old paper book learning journey, we will be able to instantly upload photos, videos and observations of your child. You can then log on and keep track of their learning and development. A massive advantage of this system is that you, as parents can be involved by adding your own comments to our entries, and you can also upload any 'wow' moments your child has outside of school.

The safeguarding of our children is very important to us. In accordance with the new GDPR guidelines everything that is added to Tapestry can only be viewed by the Reception team, and yourself, using your own log in. You will only have access to your child's own journal. It is crucial that you do not share photos or videos from your child's journal on social media or through any other online platforms. Any incidents where this confidentiality is broken will be dealt with very seriously and will result in your access to the system being withdrawn.

We will be holding twilight sessions where we can talk you through Tapestry before it goes live! We are running two sessions on **21st October** please come along to either **one** of the sessions.

Session 1: 3.30pm – 4.00pm

Session 2: 6.00pm – 6.30pm

Attached to this letter is a Tapestry agreement/permission slip. Please sign and return it to the school office as soon as possible. You will then be emailed an activation link to start viewing your child's learning journey. We are confident that this system is a positive step in sharing information between school and home. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to Me.


Phonics:

As you will see from your child's book bag, we have started phonics. Please have a look at the phonics sheet with your child and help them practice what we have learned this week. Please encourage your child to know the sound and the letter name. They will know the songs and you may find yourself singing them long after they have gone to bed! You have also been given a letter and number formation sheet for practicing at home. Encourage your child to do three of four sounds at a time, one or two evenings a week **OR** at the weekend. Trace over the sound/number first and then have a go writing two or three of that sound.

As part of the Tapestry meeting, I will also do a phonics presentation on the same day 21st October.

Kind regards,

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