

Using Tapestry in Reception

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Welcome to Tapestry!

Your child's school use the online learning journal Tapestry to follow your child's learning. By using Tapestry, the school can also set up an account for you to access your child's journal too. This means that you will be able to see the things they have been up to during the day giving you the opportunity to support your child's learning further when at home.

Once the school are ready to share access with you, they will need your name and email address so that they can set up your account. They may give you a password so that you can log in, or they may send out an activation link so that you can create your own password, so keep an eye out for it, including in your spam folder!

There are many different things that Tapestry can offer - most of which are currently available through a browser at the address above. There is also an app available for Android and iOS devices, but currently this will **ONLY** be for observations so don't forget to keep checking on the browser for all the amazing things that are being shared with you!

Reports

If a report is shared with you on Tapestry, it will provide you with information about how your child is working within the Early Years Framework.

The reports may contain the age band that your child is currently working within, as well as any next steps that the teacher has identified to help your child make continued progress.

Reports are available through the browser along the top menu.

Activities

If your child's teacher sets an activity, you will have the opportunity to reply with an observation. By replying this way, the teacher will be able to quickly link it to the activity. Your reply will be through an observation, making it easy for you to find too.

It is possible to ask questions to the teacher about the task, but please be aware, that any questions asked will be seen by any other relatives of children who are tagged in that same activity.

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Memos

These are a way for the teachers to get a message to you without it entering your child's journal. They might use this to let you know about any trips or special events that are coming up, or to remind you about those dress up days! You can leave a comment on a memo, but please note, these will be seen by all other relatives of children tagged in the memo. Memos are available through the browser along the top menu.

Observations

In Early Years, the teachers will be looking at what your child can do and making assessments on these observations against the Early Years assessment framework. The document that they use is called 'Development Matters' and this is broken down into age bands. These age bands are stages of development, so you may see observations that are assessed in an age band that your child does not fall into. This will be because that is what they are demonstrating developmentally.

Observations and their assessments can be about anything that your child does, and the teacher will make a judgement based on those observations altogether - not just a single one. Therefore, if you are able to add things that your child does at home, such as talking about what they see on a walk or completing a model over a period of time, these will all help the teacher make an accurate judgement. With Tapestry, you can easily add your own observations using the app or the browser.

The Tapestry App

If you have an iOS or Android device, then from your app store you will be able to find the Tapestry Mobile app.

The app is a quick and convenient way to access and observations that have been added of your child, as well as for you to add things from home. Please note, all other features need to be accessed via the browser.

Scan this QR code with your device to download the app.

