



Hello!

We are writing to share some exciting news with you. This is an invitation to have a closer look at your child's learning from home! In school, we have been using Tapestry for some time – now more than ever it seems the right time to include parents in this journey.

So what is 'Tapestry'...

Tapestry is an online learning journal to record the children's learning experiences during their time in the Foundation Stage. This system allows us to work with parents and carers to share information and record the children's play and learning in and outside of school. Parents and carers are given their own link to log-in using their email and password.

All staff have secure log-in details. Staff can record and assess children linking to the EYFS curriculum, uploading photo or video media. Once an observation is saved and completed you will receive an email or notification so that you can have look and add any of your own comments to it.

Staff have access to Tapestry on iPad's so they can upload observations and photographs regularly. However, it is important to note that Tapestry is just one of the ways we assess the children's learning at school which means that the amount of observations or photographs per child will vary.

As parents and carers, **you can choose who has access to your child's e-learning journal.** If you would like both parents added or you wish to add a grandparent to the account please complete the other relations box on the consent form and they can be set up at the same time. Only those that you have given permission to have a login and password and will be able to see your child's journal.

Your child's Learning Journey can be accessed through the Tapestry website, www.tapestryjournal.com or the 'TapestryMobile' app (available on apple and android). Both are simple to navigate and you can view your child's journal, upload your own photographs and share your experiences at home using both options.

Once we have your details, and you have created an account, you'll be able to follow these simple steps to login to your child's learning journal...

- Go to the website www.tapestryjournal.com or download the 'TapestryMobile' app.
- Put in your email and password.
- Click on your child's learning journal and look through the observations.
- Add your own comments at the bottom of the observation.
- Add your own photos, observations and experiences.



I am going to share some screen grabs below of things that I have uploaded to my son's Tapestry journal to give you an example of what you could upload.

Feeding the ducks at Sywell

Observation
Amy Tester
27/09/2020



Today we went to Sywell country park for a walk and a play in the park. Whilst we were there we fed the ducks!

"Mummy the wind is making my duckies bread blow away!"

"The duckies are scared from the wind."

"Ahh mummy a duckie is eating my bread! I'll eat some too!"

0 Likes

1 Child

Big & Little

Observation
Amy Tester
04/10/2020



Freddie was playing 'worm rescuers' today!

He said, "look mummy I have a big one and a little one!"

0 Likes

1 Child

Add a comment

Space

Observation
Amy Tester
Friday 12:21 (updated Friday 12:26)



Today I gave Freddie some kinetic sand, with planets and some gems. He had great fun making patterns and making "the solar system".

After a while of playing independently. He brought me a planet. He said "mummy do you know this one?" I said "I do, do you?" Freddie said "I live here, it is earth."

"Actually, we all live here. Nanny, Grandad, Ava, Deena, Craig (our friends) and all of us!" (Pointing at me, daddy and Halle)

0 Likes

1 Child

If you have any questions or queries in, please ask Mrs Tester in Reception using Mrs.Tiggywinkle@booth.northants.sch.uk or Miss Barber in Nursery using Benjamin.Bunny@booth.northants.sch.uk.

Please be sure to read and respond to the attached Tapestry agreement and consent form. Once you agree we can upload your information and you'll receive an invite to create an account and finally view your child's journal.

We are sure that you'll love this way of viewing a part of your child's learning journey & achievements as much as we do.

Many Thanks,

Mrs Amy Tester & Miss Debra Barber
Early Years Phase Leader & Lead Nursery Teacher.



Boothville Primary School Tapestry Policy

Aim

Boothville Primary School will ensure that all children attending Nursery and Reception have a personal learning journey which records photos, observations and comments in line with the Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum. We will use the children's online learning journal to record some of their achievements at school. It will be linked to the EYFS.

Procedures

At Boothville Primary we use the secure on-line system Tapestry which allows staff and parents to access the information via a personal password protected login. Observations may be captured by any member of the EYFS team.

Staff access allows input of new observations and photos or amendment of existing observations and photos. Parent access allows input of new observations and photos or the addition of comments on existing observations and photos – parents' log-ins do not have permission to edit existing material.

Tapestry is a working document and occasionally there may be spelling mistakes or small errors; these will be rectified over time by a member of teaching staff. Parent access allows them to comment (or reply) to observations that staff have inputted, as well as adding their own observations, photos and videos. Parents logging into the system are only able to see their own child's Learning Journey.

To protect our children, parents are asked to sign a consent form to give permission for their child's image to appear in other children's Learning Journeys, and to protect images of other children that may appear in any photos contained in their child's Learning Journey. This is separate from our photography and use of images consent form as the information is not accessible without a personal login. Before accessing the system parents must sign and agree not to download and share information on any social media platform.

Tapestry provides a fantastic tool for capturing and sharing information between parents and the school. However, it will not be used as a way of communicating and sharing general information. Each child's learning journal is a document to record their learning and development which the parents can add to by contributing information about experiences/ learning that is happening at home. Discussions regarding general progress and development are done face-to-face, via class email or during parents meetings. Observations will be uploaded by all members of the Early Years team. They will be monitored by each class teacher and at times by the Assistant Head, Early Years Phase Leader or the Nursery Lead teacher.



Safe Use Agreement

- Staff and Parents should log out of tapestry when they have finished using it to maintain confidentiality.
- Staff and Parents must not share login or password details with anyone outside of school staff or their trusted family members.
- Staff and Parents should not share any information or photographs relating to children with anyone outside of school staff or the trusted family members.
- Staff will take responsible steps to ensure the safe keeping of portable devices.
- All entries on Tapestry must be appropriate and relevant to the child's learning.
- At all time staff must comply with our safeguarding policy – about school & internet safety.

Note: Should we find parents/carers using Tapestry inappropriately their access will be blocked.



Tapestry Agreement and Consent Form

Agreed guidelines for accessing and using Tapestry – Online Learning Journal.

As a parent I will...

- **Not** publish any of my child's observations, photographs or videos on any social media site.
- Understand that my child's image may be used in another child's profile if they are engaged in the same activity. This image will only be viewed by their parents/carers.
- Keep the login details within my trusted family.
- Speak to a member of staff if I experience any difficulties accessing my child's learning journal.

I agree to the guidelines and would like to access my child's Online Learning Journal.

I have read and understood the Tapestry Policy and Agreement.

Print Name: _____

Name of Child: _____

Class: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

In order for us to set up an account for you, we require the email address/addresses you would like to link to the account. The account will be set up for you and you will receive an email to invite you to complete the set up process.

Parent 1 Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Parent 2 Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Additional Adult (Please state relationship to child)

Relation Name/Relationship to child: _____

Email Address: _____