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Reception Learning Journeys - Tapestry

Dear Parents/Carers,

In Reception, children follow the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS), which places the focus on children learning through self-initiated play. It is our responsibility as the adults working within the class to record this progress. We do this through the use of photographs and written observations and enter these into a personal electronic learning journey for each child in the class.

As a school we use a software programme called 'Tapestry' to store the photos and observations on. As a parent you will be able to have access to your child's learning journey by logging on to your child's profile at home. If you do not have access to a computer or a device that supports the app please come in and speak to us as we can provide opportunities for you to access your child's learning journey using a school device at an arranged date.

What are we all working towards?

At the end of this academic year your child will be assessed against the Early Learning Goals. They will be given one of three judgements, Emerging, Expected or Exceeding. The judgements are made by the adults working with your child and are informed through the continuous observations and assessments that are made throughout the year.

What will it look like?

As your child's learning journey is updated you will see that assessments are made against the observations that have been carried out. There are 7 areas of learning which are broken down into smaller sections which are also assessed against age bands. These are not the Early Learning Goals, they are statements that help your child work towards the Early Learning Goals.

What do you as a parent/carer need to do?

If you have provided the school with an e-mail address, you will receive an e-mail inviting you to join 'Tapestry'. The e-mail will explain how you securely log in to your child's learning journey. There is an option to add additional information about your child. It is entirely your choice how much information you would like to provide and there is no requirement for this section to be completed.

How secure is it?

Staff will access the Tapestry app or website using only school devices. Passwords are kept secure and not shared with others. Photos will either be used for observations, on occasions these photos may include images of other children, not just your child. Therefore when sharing your child's learning journey we ask you to follow the Acceptable Use policy you have signed.

Can I add to it?

Yes! We encourage interaction by adding photographs or videos from home, we love to see their learning at home such as retelling stories or working hard to learn their numbers. We prefer moments to be shared on Tapestry rather than Dojo as these photographs and videos will add to your child's learning journey, which along with our observations, will form a learning journey to download at the end of their Reception year.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to message a member of staff,

Many thanks,

The Reception Team