



EYFS Help Sheets

Tapestry



What is Tapestry?

Tapestry is an online learning platform that documents your child's learning journey in all areas of the Early Years Curriculum. It is a fantastic tool which provides communication between home and school. It can be used on an internet browser or via the Tapestry app (for mobiles and other devices). Tapestry allows written information, photographs and videos to be shared.

How we use Tapestry

At Woodthorpe, we use this observation tool to capture the 'wow' and 'significant' moments in a child's learning journey. We will not document every moment in the child's play/learning. This allows practitioners quality time to engage and interact with children. Observations will be used to monitor a child's learning journey and will be used to identify children's emerging needs, interests and next steps.

Parents/Carers

All parents/carers will be given the opportunity to sign up to Tapestry via their personal email address. Once an email address has been provided, we will activate your account and assign you to your child. You will receive an email to set up your account and password.

When the account is activated, you will be able to view all content linked to your child and add your own observations. You will receive notifications when a new observation is added.

In EYFS, we aim to gain a wider understanding of a child's learning journey both at school and at home. We love to see observations; it is a great discussion point with the children and allows us to see what children do out of school. Parents/carers can use Tapestry to capture their child's interests or any 'wow' and 'significant' moments in their child's learning journey. This may include learning at home, days out, holidays, special events, new skills, interests etc... Teachers will respond to parent/carers observations via the comment section and/or 'like' the observation.

Memos

The memo section is a communication tool to strengthen home-school relationships. It allows practitioners to include notes, clickable links to other webpages, media, and documents. Memos may be used for the purposes below:

- Send out a whole cohort/class/group message.
- Send out learning/homework/ additional supporting materials to parents/carers.
- To be used to inform parents/carers what the forthcoming learning will be. This is to engage families with learning in school, support children's interests and encourage communication.

Communication

Please do not use Tapestry to inform us if your child is ill, is being picked up by someone different or has a medical or dental appointment. Please ring the school office and they will pass on this information.

How to use Tapestry

Please see below for some useful videos on how to use Tapestry.

- **Setting up an account**— <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n7ROkDnb4I0>
- **Setting up notifications**— https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZvjWs_1Fgn8
- **Adding an observation**— <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=espJ96TJHV8>
- **Finding and viewing Memos**— https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KQgO_eaD7k0

Privacy - The use of Tapestry is a secure area, copies of any observation (content and media) are not to be posted on any social media or shared with other families.