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Dear Parents,

Tapestry Guide

We will be holding a Tapestry information session on **Wednesday 22 September at 2:45pm**, in this session we will share how the school uses Tapestry and how you can use Tapestry. If you are unable to attend, then the information from the session can be shared with you electronically. Please email the School Office if you will need this sent to you.

What is Tapestry?

Tapestry is our on-line system which allows us to create an individual learning journey for every child in our class. We can add comments, notes, photographs and videos of your child and then link these to the Early Years Curriculum and the Characteristics of Effective Learning. We can also add next steps for your child and you can support their learning at home. It can be accessed via the internet or downloaded as an app from iTunes.

How do we use Tapestry?

In Reception, we are constantly observing and assessing the children and we take photographs and videos as evidence of the children's experiences and achievements. We use Tapestry to keep all of these observations in one place, this helps us to monitor your child's progress in all the areas of learning. Each week we post on Tapestry a preview of the children's upcoming learning. This will include the key text we are studying, the phonemes the children are learning in phonics, what we are exploring in Maths and key vocabulary we will be using during the week. We add challenges and tasks for you to complete at home. This is a great tool for home and school to work together in supporting your child's development.

How you can use Tapestry to support your child's learning?

It would be fantastic if you could add your own observations of your child when you notice them doing wonderful things at home.

Read the posts about the weeks learning and use the vocabulary we share. If you don't feel confident to write an observation yourself, please ensure you like the posts from school. That way we know that you are using the online tool at home.

Safe use of Tapestry

No information from Tapestry can be shared with other people or published in any way. This means that photographs or videos from Tapestry cannot be posted on a social networking site or displayed in a public place. Anybody found to be misusing Tapestry or adding inappropriate comments will have their parent account withdrawn.

How do I access Tapestry?

A guide to setting up, accessing and using Tapestry can be found:

file:///mapa-fs-01/home/staff/MAPA_ElstonCharlotte/Downloads/Relative%20Android%20App%20Tutorial.pdf

We hope that this answers your questions, if you are unable to access Tapestry please let me know and I will support you.

Speech and Language

We screen all EYFS children using Speechlink, an assessment tool promoted by Suffolk County Council. It enables us to accurately assess children's speech and language needs. We will inform you of your child's result and any interventions we will be running to support them. Please see the attached guide for further information.

Later in the term we will be inviting you in to attend a phonic session so you can learn alongside your child.

Polite Reminder

We have asked for a voluntary contribution of £5.00 per term to support with resourcing enriching activities such as cooking. A big thank you to those of you who have already made a contribution, by giving this donation you are making a big difference to the variety of learning experiences we can offer the children.

If you have any questions regarding Tapestry or anything in this letter, then please do talk to me. You can email me via the office, or you can see me at the end of the day once all the class have been collected.

Yours sincerely

Miss Elsdon and Mrs Hall

Small Blues Teaching Team