

Nursery Newsletter 18.11.22

Our Week

We have had a great time in Nursery this week! We immersed ourselves in the story of *'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'*. We created experiences for all the sensory aspects of the story which the children fully enjoyed. We swished and swashed through the grass, splashed and splashed through the water and squelched through the mud. We also practiced using our ICT skills by using iPads to scan QR codes to listen to our favourite Nursery Rhymes.

It has been a fun-filled week!



Forest School

We had an amazing time at Forest School this week. We learnt about stick safety and how we can carry sticks in a safe way. We also practiced using our fine motor skills to saw tent pegs ready to make a den in our next session! As usual, we enjoyed engaging in fun water play activities.



Things to remember...

Dates for your diary

- **Wednesday 14th December: Nursery Carol Concert 2pm.**

Please join us in the playground for our Carol Concert performance to enjoy some festive songs, mince pies and hot drinks! We look forward to seeing you there.

Class Bears

The children have been introduced to our Class Bears. In Ladybird Class this is Barnaby Bear and in Butterfly Class is Bobbie Bear.

Each week, the Bears will be sent home with a member of the class to go on an Adventure. This needs to be recorded on Tapestry which the teacher will then print and place into our Bear News Folder. All information can be found on the first page of the Bear News Folder but please feel free to ask your child's teacher if you are unsure.

This experience will not only build confidence but will allow your child an opportunity to speak in front of their peers, sharing a lived experience and speaking about something which they will find exciting.

Many thanks,
The Nursery Team

Ladybird - Emma Rose, Jodie Speer and Usha Goomany

Butterfly - Anastasia Owusu, Gina Collingridge and Jeanette Gayle

Jaci Doherty working throughout both classrooms





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Dear Parents and Carers,

By now you should have received your logins and set your password for Tapestry, our online learning journal. If you have not done this already please follow this video created by the team at Tapestry <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n7ROkDnb4I0> and if you are still having trouble see your class teacher.

Receiving observations

- When you login to your account you will be able to see any observations for your child that have been added to their journal
- You will be able to see any photos/videos/documents attached to the observation
- Underneath the media you will see the notes of the actual observation
- You will also be able to add comments and 'like' the observation

Making observations

You can also add your own observations

Why is it helpful?

- It allows all the adults involved in the child's learning to gain a better picture of the child. Some children can find it hard to talk to the adults in the setting about what they do at home, so this can be a useful starting point.

How will it be used?

- Children will take turns once a half term to share their home learning with the rest of the class. Your child will be encouraged to talk about what they have done and share this with their friends.

What to include

Please include:

- Context- where has the observation taken place?
- People who are there
- Direct quotes from your child

- Annotated recounts
- Annotated Photos
- Examples of work

Example observation

Walking to school Simon looked at the door numbers and recognised and counted numbers to 24. Mum asked him what number would the next door be? Simon said 'it is 1 more than 24, a 2 and a 5, 25.'

What makes a good observation?

- You might share weekend news, days out and special achievements.
- Any writing that your child does at home; lists, invitations, cards, stories, instructions, recipes, book making, non-fiction writing, messages, diary entries, maps, directions, recounts of days out.
- Comments your child has made about books they have shared. If they are reading themselves,
- When your child recites rhymes/songs independently. Recount their own songs that your child has made up – funny, rhyming etc. How do they improve or change them?
- When and how does your child use role play to support their learning? What do they say? Do they experiment with voice changes or impersonations?

Tapestry have created a step by step video on how to add on observation which you may find useful.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=espJ96TJHV8&list=PLthyVDX1AWQJeGUqAna3ZEhEqbgidx0Yt&index=5>

We do hope you enjoy using Tapestry. We have attached some Frequently Asked Questions about the program for your information but do let us know if you have any questions about it.

Best wishes,

Laura Dunphy
Assistant Head for the Early Years



Frequently Asked Questions

Why use an online system?

Hand writing observations, printing out photos, cutting out and sticking all of these into a paper learning journal is very time consuming. By taking photos and videos that can be instantly uploaded this increases the time that staff can spend with your children, supporting their learning.

How do I get onto the system?

Tapestry can be accessed online at: <https://tapestryjournal.com/> once you have entered a password from the link which will be emailed to you. You will then be able to log on using your email and password.

Tapestry is available as a free app from the Apple Store and also on Android devices.

We ask you to provide us with an email address so that we can set you up a personal account. This will be a secure way of logging in, and you will only be able to see your own child's learning journal.

I don't have a computer, laptop, tablet or smartphone. How can I access Tapestry?

If you are unable to access the Internet on any device at home, then please come and see us as we may be able to set up sessions at school for you to come in a view your child's learning journal.

I am not very confident with computers or the Internet. How can I access Tapestry?

One of the reasons for us choosing Tapestry was ease of use. It is a very easy system to use, but should you have any problems, a member of the Early Years Team will be happy to support you.

Why do you need my email address?

Your email address is required in order to set you up with access to your child's account. It is to ensure security on the site.

What if I do not give permission for group photos?

If you do not give permission for your child's photo to appear in any group photos then the photo will not be shared and you will only see photos that include your child on their own.