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Tuesday 13th October 2020

Dear Parents / Carers

Tapestry

Thank you for returning your letter regarding Tapestry, the personal online journey that we use to record photos, observations and comments. Before half term you will receive an activation link to set up your account in order to see your child's journal; follow the instructions on the email to activate your Tapestry account.

We will release photos, observations and comments of your child at the end of each half term for you to view.

Parents/carers can also upload photos and add comments of fantastic learning that happens at home so that you can share these with your child's class teacher.

If you have any questions about Tapestry, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Practise at home

Each week your child will take home worksheets and flashcards relating to the sounds that have been taught. The flashcards help children to practise saying and recognising the sounds and building words e.g. map.

Please ensure your child's folder comes into school every Thursday so that the new learning can be added and sent home on Fridays.

If you would like further information about Read Write Inc. or how to support your child at home with their phonics learning, then there is lots of information and helpful videos on the phonics page on our school website.

New Early Years Foundation Stage framework 2020

An updated version of Development Matters, a non-statutory curriculum guidance which supports children's learning during the Early Years, has been released alongside the new end of year early learning goals. Development Matters is guidance for schools to help us support children's learning.

Last academic year we opted to become an early adopter of the new Early Years Foundation Stage framework and so this year we will be using the new early learning goals to assess your child at the end of Reception.

This will not affect how your child is taught in Reception. We will continue to develop the whole child and foster a love for learning through a variety of exciting experiences.

At the end of the year we will use our knowledge of your child to make judgements about whether they have met the early learning goals. This will be shared with you in the summer term. We will keep you informed throughout the year with how your child is progressing in their learning.

We will put a copy of the new end of year expectations on our school website for you to view under the Reception year group page.

If you have any questions regarding Tapestry, Read Write Inc. or the new Early Years Foundation Stage framework, please ask your child's class teacher.

Kind regards,

The Reception Team