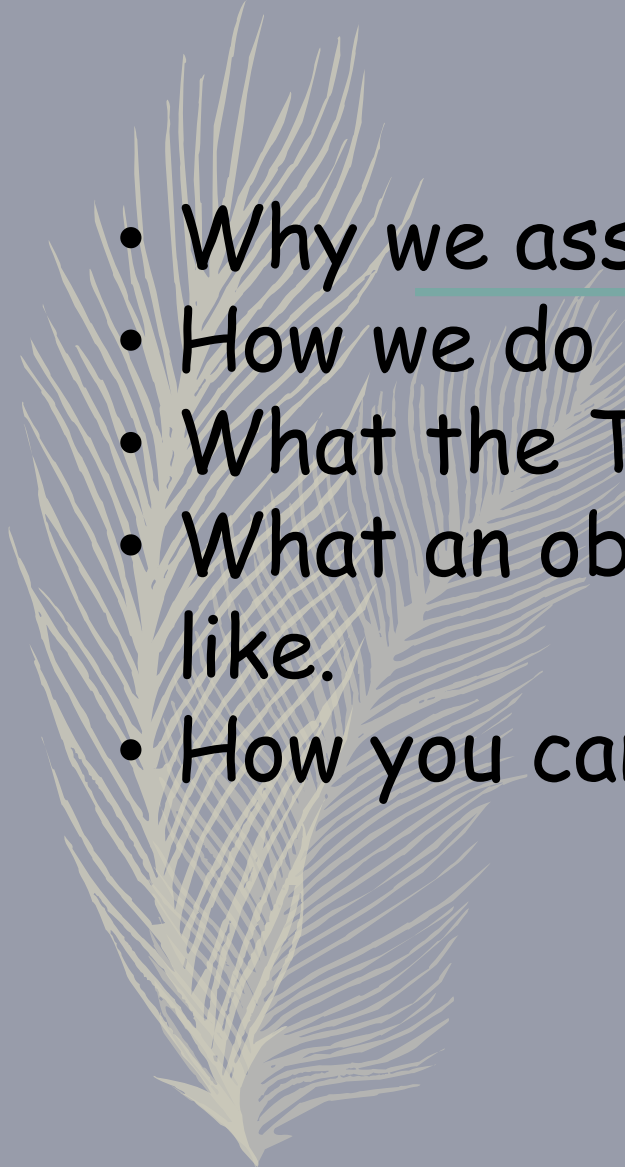


# Using Tapestry



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# Why we assess

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- We need to know your child and what he/she can do, so that we can plan learning.
- Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) sets assessments in 7 different areas (subdivided further).
- At the end of the year we want every child to reach a "good level of development."

- Across Nursery and Reception we use an online learning journal called Tapestry.
- This replaces paper-based learning journals.
- At the end of their time in EYFS you will be able to download a copy of your child's journal.
- Tapestry is currently considered the best online system within EYFS settings.



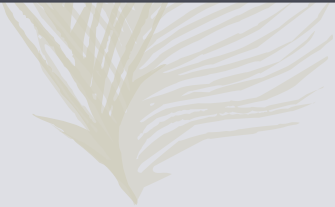
- Teachers and TAs have iPads in the classroom with the Tapestry app on them. Each member of staff has a unique login to enable them to access the pupils learning journal.
- When an adult observes your child making a step in their learning they write an observation.
  - Sometimes a photograph or video will be attached.
- We add one or more of the assessment points that it links to - this helps our assessment procedure. You do NOT need to do this.

An observation will include -

- Date
- Brief description of the task
- The learning that took place during the activity
- The relevant EYFS statements
- Photograph/video
- If you see 'N/S', it means 'next step'. This will be an indication of something your child will be working on next.
- If you see 'I' it means that what was observed was done completely independently by your child.

We may post a film of the class singing a song in a music lesson, the sound they are learning in phonics or a photograph of an art project etc.

We will also post whole class observations such as messages, challenges and the 'Week ahead' which is an outline of the week's learning in the class.



## Getting you involved...

Upon starting in Reception we will activate your parent login so you will then be able to see your child's observations via e-mail. It then gives you some glimpses into what is happening in school.

You can then add your observations too.



- The key thing is that we always respect confidentiality.
- We ask you to sign and agree to following the Tapestry use guidelines on the letter you will receive.
- You will often see other children's pictures on photos linked to observations.
- Please ensure you do not share pictures or videos on social media.

# The next step?

- You need to make sure we have your current email address.
- When your child starts in Nursery or Reception you will receive an email from Tapestry containing your unique login details.
- You will only be able to access your child's learning journal and not the whole class.
- You will then receive email alerts informing you to have a look at the observations that have happened that week.

# How can parents use Tapestry?

- You can write a positive comment or give positive feedback about the learning taking place or add anything that you feel could add more insight into the observation.
- You can upload any photographs or short videos of a family day out, your child riding a bike, reading a book at home or a religious festival or family celebration. The teacher/TA can then look at this with your child in class or show any relevant photos / short films.
- You can 'like' observations that have been added.

Example - Johnny pointed to the sign in Tesco - "I can see a 'j' that is for jam, there's the jam - it says j-a-m."

Example - Johnny came downstairs this morning, having put on his uniform - including his socks and trousers. He was not able to do this last month. With a bit of help doing up his buttons he had dressed all by himself.



Tapestry website:  
<https://tapestryjournal.com>

Any questions please speak to  
a member of the EYFS team?