

Tapestry Guidance-Parents/Carers

Assessment in the early years happens all day every day, and involves all members of staff. Staff talk regularly to discuss the children's learning and their next steps. These conversations inform planning.

There is no statutory expectation that staff capture extensive photo or written evidence of children's learning and we embrace this at WTLA. Our adults can be found talking, playing, supporting and extending children's learning in a practical, hands on way. As a result, our staff know our children and their individual learning journey extremely well.

Tapestry is used to capture 'milestone moments' in children's learning and these observations should have a title that clearly states the area of learning the observation links to. These moments will be specific to a child's learning journey and will not be the same as another child's. A milestone moment should link directly with an area of learning.

We appreciate that interesting and exciting learning opportunities happen all day every day in our Nursery and Reception classrooms. At the end of each week we upload a selection of images of the learning across the week. In Reception these photos will be shared of the whole class. In Nursery, this will be in keyworker groups. The purpose of this is to encourage you to talk to the children about their learning. Therefore, accompanying these images will be a brief description of the learning that has taken place.

Facebook is also a platform used by the school for sharing photographs. We will share other exciting experiences with our school community by uploading photographs to the school website.

At the end of the Reception year you will have the opportunity to download their child's Tapestry journey.

Please use Tapestry to share experiences that your children have had with you. For example, a trip to the local park, a visit from a family member, baking biscuits with your sibling. We value the learning opportunities children have outside of the school setting. Please do not feel obliged to use 'school' language or include only 'out of the ordinary' experiences. Please expect us to share these observations with the rest of the class and talk to your children about the photos and captions that you upload.

Do

Upload pictures that are meaningful to your children-these may be special events, or they may be every day experiences.

Help your children to be prepared to talk about the pictures.

Comment on pictures we have uploaded at school.

Don't

Be afraid or intimidated-we love to see photos of what you have been up to.

Feel the need to add a caption to every photograph, some photos speak for themselves and we will ask your children to share with us.

Use Tapestry as a means to communicate with the staff at school as it is not checked on a daily basis. Please grab us at the school door or send us an email at office@wtlacademy.bristol.sch.uk