



Tapestry Online Learning Journal

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What is Tapestry?

- ▶ Tapestry is an online learning journal system
- ▶ There is an app and browser version available
- ▶ We use it to record children's learning and development using tablet devices, cameras and PCs
- ▶ We set you up as parents with your own secure logins so you can view, comment on and add your own observations to their child's journal When your child leaves, we can export a PDF copy of your child's journal and a ZIP file including photos and videos for you
- ▶ If they move to another setting also using Tapestry, their journal can be transferred across as well as your account

Why are we using Tapestry?

- ▶ It creates a two way communication between us (the staff), and you
- ▶ We can upload media, meaning you can see pictures and videos of what your child is really up to whilst they are with us
- ▶ There are greater opportunities to extend your child's learning at home – you can view next steps, add your own observations and communicate with us whenever you like.
- ▶ Unlike a physical, hard copy book, it's easy to access any time and any where using your phone, tablet or PC.

How is the data kept safe?

- ▶ A password is required to access Tapestry, remember the stronger the password you set, the more secure your account is
- ▶ You are linked manually to your child/children so you can only view observations for them
- ▶ We don't need to store any of the data entered onto Tapestry, they store it for us on secure cloud servers within the EU
- ▶ Data is stored separately for each school
- ▶ Tapestry's developers and support personnel require our permission to access our Tapestry account
- ▶ For more information about Tapestry security you can go on their website <https://tapestry.info/security.html>



Logging in

- ▶ To login to Tapestry we will need to have an email address for you
- ▶ Once you activate your account you can then login using your email and password
- ▶ You can reset your password by email if you forget it
- ▶ Passwords are case sensitive
- ▶ Remember to set a strong password
- ▶ You can read this article for some guidance on how to set a strong and memorable password
<https://eyfs.info/forums/topic/47249-password-setting-advice/>



The screenshot shows the login interface for Tapestry Online Learning Journal. It features the logo at the top left, followed by the text 'TAPESTRY ONLINE LEARNING JOURNAL'. Below this are two input fields: 'Email address' and 'Password'. A blue 'Log In' button is positioned below the password field. At the bottom, there is a link that says 'Having trouble logging in?'.

Tapestry Browser-Observation screen

The screenshot shows the Tapestry Browser-Observation screen. At the top, there is a blue header bar with the 'Tapestry' logo on the left and a user profile icon and name 'Ruth Johnson' on the right. Below the header, there is a decorative banner with a grid pattern, a bee, and clouds. The main content area is titled 'Observations' and features a search bar, a filter button, and a list of observations. Each observation entry includes a thumbnail image, a title, a date and time, the author's name, and a brief description. Red arrows point from text labels to specific elements on the screen.

Children Tab: This takes you to the profiles of the children you are linked with

Filters Use these to refine what appears on this list. E.g. Observations with pictures, including comments etc

Author of the Observation

Child's Name

Your Username

Notifications

Add Observation: Use this button to add an observation

Observations: These are the observations made for your child. Click the title or picture to view the observation in full

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/audio files/documents attached to the observation, though if it's a group one, this will depend on whether all of you giving your consent for other relatives to see photos/videos including your child
- ▶ Underneath the media you will see the notes, of the actual observation
- ▶ You will also be able to add comments and like the observation.
- ▶ You can also add your own observations.



Add an Observation

Press the 'Add Observation' button on the observations page to add a new observation yourself. Please note, you must add a *title* and *select a child* in order to save the observation.

1) Select the child you are making the observation for. You will only see the children you are linked with here.

2) Give the observation a title.

3) (optional) In the 'Notes' section, write about what is happening.

4) (optional) Upload any photos or videos you would like to add. 'Add Files' and then 'Start Upload'

5) Click save!

The screenshot shows the 'Add Observation' form with the following sections and elements:

- Observation** section:
 - Children:** A dropdown menu with a 'Select Children' button. An arrow points to this section with instruction 1.
 - Title *:** A required text input field. An arrow points to this field with instruction 2.
 - Notes:** A large text area for notes. An arrow points to this section with instruction 3.
- Media** section:
 - A drag-and-drop area with the text 'Drag and drop files here or use the Add Files button below'.
 - Buttons: 'Add Files' (blue), 'Start Upload' (green), and 'Delete Selected Media' (red).
 - An arrow points to the 'Add Files' button with instruction 4.
- Options** section:
 - Created *:** A date/time field showing '05 Nov 2019 11:43 AM'.
- Save Buttons:** At the bottom right, there are two buttons: 'Save & Add Another' and 'Save'. An arrow points to the 'Save' button with instruction 5.
- Footer:** Small text at the bottom reads: 'Click "Save" to save your observation and view it. Click "Save & Add Another" to save this observation and immediately start adding another.'

Tapestry Demonstration

- ▶ Individual learning
- ▶ Group observations
- ▶ Observation week.
- ▶ You will also be able to add comments.
- ▶ You can also upload pictures and videos of out of school activities/experiences, family celebrations, things that interest your child, etc.
- ▶ It is great for 'show and tell'
- ▶ Please note that any picture that has the images of other children (including your child) should not be uploaded or shared on any social media platform.
- ▶ For those of you who do not want to be on Tapestry we can always print out a hard copy for you each term.
- ▶ Tapestry will be activated for your class once we receive all the consent slips.



Any Questions?

