



Tapestry Workshop

for nursery and reception



What is Tapestry?

Tapestry is an on-line system which allows us to create an individual Learning journey for every child in the Nursery and Reception.

We can add comments, notes, photographs and videos of your child and then link these to the Early Years Curriculum and the Characteristics of Effective Learning.

It can be accessed via the internet or downloaded as an app.



How do we use Tapestry?

In Nursery and Reception, we are constantly observing and assessing the children and we take photographs and videos as evidence of the children's experiences and achievements.

We use Tapestry to keep all of these observations in one place that is accessible to each member of staff in the Nursery and Reception environment. This helps us to monitor your child's progress in all the areas of learning.



Advantages of using tapestry

- ★ Tapestry allows us to monitor the coverage of all areas of the curriculum and highlights areas that need further development.
- ★ Tapestry allows us to keep video evidence of the children which is a powerful assessment tool, particularly with regards to Communication and Language.
- ★ Tapestry has the facility to send parents messages whenever a new observation is added to their child's Learning Journey to keep you up-to-date with what your child has been learning about in school. (Great way to start the "What did you do at school today?" conversation and might mean you get a better response than "nothing"!!)



Advantages of using tapestry

★ Parents have access 24/7 to their child's Learning Journey and can comment on the observations added by school staff.

★ Parents can add their own observations to share progress and milestones achieved at home.



Your contribution

We would love you to comment on your children's Learning Journey and are confident that you will really enjoy having regular updates on your child's experiences in school.

It would be fantastic if you could add your own observations of your child when you notice them doing wonderful things at home or share an experience of something that is truly important to them – festivals, celebrations, visits to museums, holiday, etc

However, this does come with the responsibility of using the system securely.



Safe usage

★ No information from Tapestry can be shared with other people or published in any way.

★ This means that photographs or videos from Tapestry cannot be posted on any social networking site or displayed in a public place.



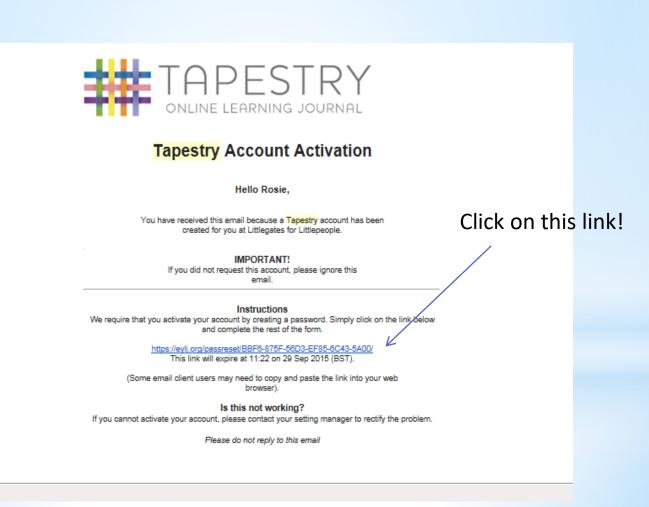
How is the data on Tapestry kept safe:

- ★ 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.
- ★ 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

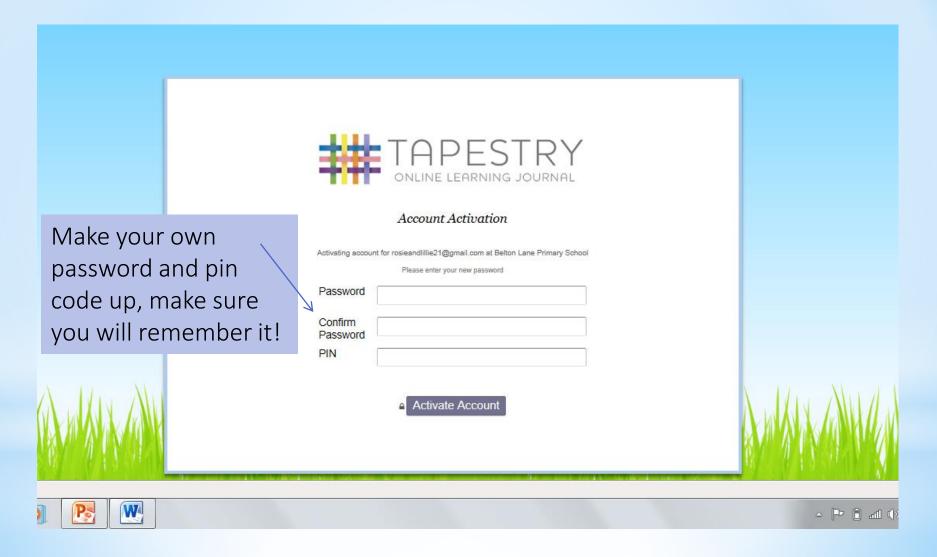


Getting started on tapestry

You will receive an e-mail that looks like this:



Passwords and Pin



Account Activated

You will then see a message to tell you that your account has been activated followed by this screen:

Type in your email address and password and your child's account will come up! Pin codes can be used on handheld devices.





How can I access Tapestry?

Tapestry can be used on iPhone, Androids, laptops and computers.

If you do not have access to any of the above we will share the uploaded pictures and videos with you during your parent/carers review meeting.



What should I put on Tapestry?

Experiences that you have shared together that may connect to learning in school, visits to museums, first time at the hairdressers, time with extended family, holidays, achievements like swimming or gymnastics, singing, dance, writing, counting, colouring, painting almost everything is helpful!

Wherever possible, we create opportunities for children to share these experiences during their "show and tell" week in Reception.



What should I comment on Tapestry?

Tell us if they have been doing anything similar at home or mentioned their learning.

Especially add comments if you are surprised they have achieved something you were unaware that they could do.

Your comments about their learning is appreciated!



How do I add comments on observations?

Every time you go onto an observation there is an option to add a comment on the bottom (a lot like Facebook, etc).

To add an observation simple click onto 'add observation'.

Watch the tutorial video below –

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=espJ96TJHV8



Main messages

- ★ Make sure you've signed up!
- ★ Contribute to your child's Learning Journey.
- ★ Talk to your child and share what you have seen on tapestry with them
- ★ All information on Tapestry is for your personal use only.
- ★ Add your own! Have fun sharing!
- ★ Do not share pictures, images or videos on other social media platforms.



Any questions?

