



## Tapestry – A Parents Guide

Download the Tapestry App on your phone or tablet device. You can also access Tapestry on a laptop by visiting <https://eylj.org/>. Then log in using your username and password. If you are unable to log on please email your class teacher who will be able to send you a password reset link. When your class teacher phones you this week, they will be able to answer any questions that you may have about supporting your child at home through the use of Tapestry.

### General Information

#### Observations by Staff

As an academy we use Tapestry as one of several forms of assessment. We observe and record key moments in your child's development.

This is a quick outline of how we do this for your information.

1. We write a record of what we saw your child do.
2. We try to quote the child accurately using the exact language that he/she used.
3. We note the progress or comment on the learning demonstrated.
4. We will write next steps so you know what to focus on with your child at home.

#### Observations by Parents

One of the fantastic features of Tapestry is that parents can also add observations/wow moments from home to your child's journal. This is a great way of supporting us in assessing your child outside the school environment, it also provides us with opportunities to celebrate any achievements your child has made at home. Staff follow the guidelines above to ensure that the observations we make are purposeful and detailed, in a similar way we would appreciate it if you could follow the guidelines below.

1. Add a title to your observation to summarise your moment e.g. Feeding the ducks
2. When writing your observation keep it simple. Try and record what your child said in their exact words and then comment on why this is a wow moment e.g. 'X was excited to feed the ducks, she said "Look that duck is big than that duck". X is starting to point out the differences between different objects.' 'X went to her cousin's birthday party, she spent lots of time bouncing on the trampoline without help and taught her cousin how to jump and turn around at the same time.'

3. If you wish, then you can then add a photo or video to your observation (please keep videos to a maximum of 1 minute long).

When making an observation for the Tapestry Challenge, follow the above instructions and the teachers will then be able to see what your child is learning at home. The teacher will then leave a comment for you to share with your child. Once the teacher has commented you will receive a notification and an email asking you to access Tapestry to read the comment.

We can't wait to see all the exciting learning that is happening at home with your children!

The EYFS Team