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Tapestry Online Learning Journal – Years 2 to 6

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Dear Families of children in Year 2 – Year 6 in September,

For some time, parental feedback has shown us that families would like to know more about their child's individual learning. Our methods for this communication at present are as follows:

- A detailed school website which contains a wealth of information on your child's curriculum – about how we teach each subject, what we teach at different ages and how we assess each subject (<https://www.reptonmanorprimary.co.uk/our-children/our-curriculum-2022-2023/>).
- A full school end of year report which reports on every subject area and your child's learning.
- Interim Reports throughout the year.
- Parent's Evenings throughout the year – with books available.
- Classroom Open Afternoons throughout the year.
- A Parent Information Evening at the start of every new school year.
- Class Newsletters.
- School Briefing.
- Open door policy – regular informal conversations.

We are very excited to tell you that we have been trialling the use of the Tapestry Online Learning Journal within school for all years (Year R to Year 6) over the past few terms as a system to improve your knowledge of your child's learning further. Tapestry allows us to make observations for your children, linked to different areas of their curriculum, and we can attach photos and videos to their area. We use this as an online platform to store learning which cannot be recorded into a child's book.

We are able to open Tapestry to parents as a method to allow even more communication home about your individual child's learning. On Tapestry, parents/guardians can 'like' and 'comment on' the observations we make of your child/ren. You can also add your own observations of what your child does outside of the school.

We have used Tapestry for some time in Year R but we are not aware of any other primary schools who use Tapestry across the whole school. This year we have given parents of our Year R children access to their children's Tapestry account and the feedback has been very, very positive. Our parents report that Tapestry is easy to use, it prompts discussions about learning with their children and it allows parents to see what their child has been learning within school.

We are very much in the early stages of using Tapestry across the whole school, and we are constantly working out what is useful to document as an observation and what is useful to record in books. However, **with your understanding that this is all very new to us**, we would like to open up access to your child's Tapestry account to all families next academic year. **We must make you aware that what you will see are observations mainly of practical learning, and this will not replace learning in books. For this reason, books will still be available during Parents Evenings, and numbers of observations will very likely vary across year groups, between teachers and from term-to-term, according to the style of learning used within the lesson.**

If you give your permission, we will set you up with your own individual account using your email address. This account will be directly linked to your child's Tapestry account, which means you will only be able to see observations that include your child. You will be able to login with your email address and

password to either the browser version of Tapestry (www.tapestryjournal.com) or to the app. Tapestry has apps for iOS, Android and Amazon Fire devices. If you choose to use the app, after you login initially, you can use a 4-digit PIN to quickly log back in.

Some observations may include photos or videos of other children within the classroom learning alongside your child and so, with parental consent, we will open these photos to you too. **Please be aware that we must insist that any photos which are on your child's account which contain other children should remain on Tapestry and should not be shared or posted to any social media platform for Safeguarding purposes.**

Tapestry securely stores all the data we input to our account on their servers. If you want to find out more information about how Tapestry keeps our data safe and secure, please visit: <https://tapestry.info/security.html>.

If you would like to proceed, please fill in this short survey for each of your children (<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/NCFJQXS>) which will act as your consent. Once you return this to us, we will then provide you with details about how to access and use your Tapestry account. **If you would like a separate account for each parent, please complete twice with both parents details.**

Please note that if you already have access to your Year R Child's Repton Manor Tapestry account, you will not need to re-sign as this will be continued with your child through to Year 1.

If you have any questions or queries about this, please get in touch.

Many thanks,

Jackie Chambers
Head of School