

## TAPESTRY



Dear Parents,

We are very pleased to announce that our new online learning journeys are ready to go live!

This year for the first time we are using a secure, on-line educational package called 'Tapestry'. By logging on with a secure username and password (details of which will follow when you attend one of our workshops) you will be able to view all of your child's observations, photographs and even video from their time in Early Years. You will even receive an email telling you when a new observation or piece of work is available for you to view. This will enable you to follow your child's individual progress closely and allows you to reflect upon their achievements with your child. You can also add your own comments so that we, as a staff, can find out about the learning that they get up to at home.

Staff will make comments based on their observations of the children and these are used to inform our planning and our assessments. We would like to mention that the observations are made by all adults who work with the children and are made in the moment, so there may be odd spelling mistakes or errors made due to typing and we ask that you bear this in mind when reading through the observations!

Tapestry can be accessed via a smart phone, tablet, PC or laptop either through the App or directly through the website. All of the information is stored on a highly secure server which is monitored closely; and each Tapestry account has its own database and the code itself is developed using hack-resistant techniques. Please note that parents will only have access to their own child's learning journey.

E-safety is extremely important to us at Hilltop Infant School and therefore we are asking you to attend one of three workshops where we will provide you with further information on how to access and use Tapestry. We will also explain our user agreement and guidelines. Once you have attended the workshop and signed the agreement, we will give you your log in details so that you can start using Tapestry.

If you do not have access to e-mail your child will still have an online Learning Journey which we will be able to share with you during our Parent/Teacher consultation meetings.

If you have any queries regarding this, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of staff.

We are sure that you will love this new way of viewing your child's achievements as much as we do!

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Boroughs, Mrs Ready, Mrs Marsh and Miss Field.

Tapestry Workshop

Please tick which workshop you will be attending:

Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> January 9.00am	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> January 2.30pm	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> January 6.30pm

Name of child: .....

Name of adult attending: .....

Relationship of the adult to the child: .....