



Tapestry Online Learning Journal

An Introduction for Parents

What is Tapestry?



Tapestry is an online learning journal: a way of documenting children's experiences and development by uploading observations, photographs and videos. As well as a tool for us to evidence your child's learning and progress, it is an excellent way to keep families updated about and involved in their child's learning too.

- ▶ There is an app and browser version available.
- ▶ We can use it to record children's learning and development using tablet devices and PCs.
- ▶ We can set you up as parents with your own secure logins so you can view, comment on and add your own observations to your child's journal.
- ▶ If your child moves to another setting also using Tapestry, their journal can be transferred across, as well as your account.

Why are we using Tapestry?



- ▶ It is a tool to capture and evidence the rich and varied learning experiences children receive at Chestnut Lane School.
- ▶ It enables communication between us (the staff), you (the parents/guardians) and your child, who is able to discuss their learning in context, with a clear reference point to support them.
- ▶ We can upload media, meaning you can see pictures and videos of what your child is learning whilst they are at school.
- ▶ There are greater opportunities to extend your child's learning at home – you can add your own observations and communicate with us about this.
- ▶ It is an effective way to share a child's learning with groups of relatives, including extended family members and relatives living overseas.

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 your account is set up, you will be able to login using any web browser from tapestryjournal.com or by downloading the Tapestry app from the Play or App store, depending on what type of device you are using.
- ▶ 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.

A screenshot of the Tapestry Online Learning Journal login page. The page has a light blue border. At the top left is the Tapestry logo (a grid of colored lines). To its right, the word "TAPESTRY" is written in large, grey, sans-serif letters, with "ONLINE LEARNING JOURNAL" in smaller grey letters below it. Below the logo and title, there are two input fields: "Email address" and "Password". Below these fields is a blue button with the text "Log in". At the bottom left of the form area, there is a link that says "Having trouble logging in?".

Please refer to the Tapestry User Guides on our school [website](#) for further help.

Observations

- ▶ When you login to your account, you will be able to see any observations that have been added to your child's journal.
- ▶ Observations may include media such as photographs, audio clips and videos. They may also just be written observations.
- ▶ Journal observations will be approved by class teachers and uploaded fortnightly.
- ▶ You can add comments and/or like the observation.
- ▶ You can also add your own observations to share your child's learning and experiences at home.

Listening to a story

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Like

Export



Tapestry Nursery has given you permission to download these photos and videos

Notes

This morning, after we had all tidied up, we sat on the number carpet where one of our teachers read a story about a little girl who is searching for a star. (Laura's Star). We all listened really well and discussed various aspects of the story. We each made our own predictions of what might happen next and how we think the story might end

Comments

Add a comment

Add Reply

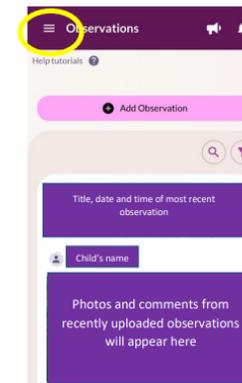
Tapestry Activities

We use the Tapestry Activities section to share Parent Information Presentations and Video Guides. These give relatives more information about how we teach key curriculum areas at Chestnut Lane, enabling consistent approaches between home and school.

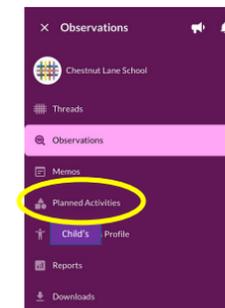
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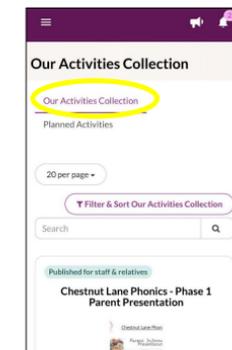
How to view 'activities' on Tapestry
(including Parent Videos)



1. Login to Tapestry.
2. The 'Observations' page will be the first page you always see.
3. Click on the **menu icon**, indicated by **three lines** in the top left corner.



4. A drop-down menu will appear. Click on **'Planned Activities'**.



5. At the top of the page click on the words **'Our Activities Collection'**.
6. All Chestnut Lane activities, including videos and transcripts will become visible.
7. Click to watch and read those relevant to you and your child.



Thank you for your engagement
and support.
