 

Building Together

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Dear Parents,

In Class 1 much of our evidence is gathered through observations and photographs of the children’s play. We use an online package called Tapestry to record the observations. Some activities are more adult led for Reception children. As young children do not have the ability to write lots of follow up work then photographs are taken of practical work they complete and we write up any comments they make. This can be in any subject like Maths, Science and Design Technology etc. These are then printed off and put in their Learning Journey or Maths files as a record of their learning and what they have covered. Child initiated learning is also added. This is when the children create their own learning through their play and is not an adult led task. Sometimes an adult may observe their learning and maybe make suggestions or add resources which will take their learning forward and this is reflected in the observation.

In the Class 1 Newsletter you received last week, it stated that an email will be sent soon in order for you to access Tapestry. These will be for parents whose child is new to school. Once you click on the link it will ask you to create your own password. If your child has already attended this school last year, then your Tapestry login should not have changed. If your child has an older sibling in school, I have just linked your child in Class 1 to your previous account, unless the email has changed. If you cannot remember the login details then please let me know and I can resend the link.

The link is to view your own child’s learning. Most of the learning in Class 1 does occur in pairs or groups. Some observations in pairs or groups you may be able to see other children participating but with other observations involving a group you will be able see the commentary but not the group photo. The group photo observations will be printed out and added to their file and these will be sent home in the year after your child has left Class 1. There is an option for you to add any comments you wish to the observation. You can also upload your own photos/observations of activities etc that you do at home. This gives you and your child ownership as well as school.

**The photos and observations we share are for your own personal use. Please do not share any of the photos or observations on Social Media or online. This is very important as not all children have photographic consent. Safeguarding the children in school is our utmost priority. Please respect other parents’ choice and privacy for their child. We would like to keep all of our children in school safe and this includes online. Whilst we try to ensure your child is forefront in any picture taken, in a busy classroom there will times when your child is photographed as part of a group, in a play situation with their friends and there will be children in the background.** Photos can be shown to family members on screen but again we ask that they **do not** share any photos. We have chosen to allow you access to Class 1’s learning online but any breach of this will result in parent access being deactivated and we do not want this to happen.

If you have any questions or concerns about parental access, please let me know as soon as possible. Children are allocated to parents through the package so there will be no access to any other child’s account. The emails with the link will be sent straight from Tapestry and not the school or class emails.

I hope that you find it useful to see just some of the learning your child is participating in at school. It is just as snapshot as we cannot capture everything every child does every day and we also use other means of recording observations e.g. Piccollage.

Please let me know if Tapestry is working ok for you once it goes live as I cannot see them from a parent point of view. It would be lovely to receive some feedback. Please, please also add your own from home (days out, other learning, awards given at after school clubs etc).

Many Thanks for your co-operation and understanding,

Mrs James