



# Layer Preschool



At Layer Preschool we use Tapestry as your child's very special learning journey.

Tapestry builds a very special record of your child's experiences, development and learning journey through their time at Layer Preschool. Your child's key person will use photos or videos and a written account, of the wonderful learning experiences they have had week by week. The Tapestry platform then works seamlessly to enable these memories to be kept as a permanent record of each child's unique journey.

As an Early Years Provider, we follow the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) statutory guidance.

Under the EYFS, children's learning and development is monitored over 7 areas which are:

Personal, Social & Emotional

Physical Development

Communication & Language

Literacy

Mathematics

Expressive Arts & Design

Understanding the World

Observations are recorded for children and they are marked into categories based on their age group. Within that category, the child can be marked as below:

E - Emerging - this means they have just started doing something

D - Developing - this means they are practising

S - Securely Within - this means they met this milestone

These are set within the system already so providers are able to just select the current bracket which suits each child at that time.

The current EYFS is changing in September 2021 and some of the recording of observations and number of age brackets for recording will change so you will see some changes on Tapestry.

Observations can be saved onto Tapestry without marking their progress so not all will have that information. When you see your child's Next Steps at the end of each term, you will see their current progress and attainment. This information can then be used to focus on areas for improvement if necessary or to ensure their learning is fully enriched by us, in preparation for their transition to primary schools. Most primary schools continue to use Tapestry in Reception class as they still cover the EYFS in Reception, so we

are able to transfer your child's learning journal to them on the system which ensures their teacher has this important information.

All information held in the platform is stored securely and can be downloaded and shared as required. Parents or carers are able to view their child's progress, the activities provided for them, and how much fun they're having, whilst also adding their own comments and experiences they have shared with them at home or out and about.

The communication between key person and parents that Tapestry enables helps build a shared understanding of how every child can reach their full potential, from when they start at Layer Preschool until they leave us. The Tapestry online learning journal is also available as an easy-to-use, secure app, meaning capturing key learning moments, and videoing milestones are even easier.

We hope you are enjoying the valuable experience that Tapestry gives you to share your child's learning journey with us. At their end of their journey with us at Layer Preschool, we will give you their learning journey as a downloaded PDF to keep.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you need any help or advice with how to use Tapestry we are always happy to assist you with any problems you may have.