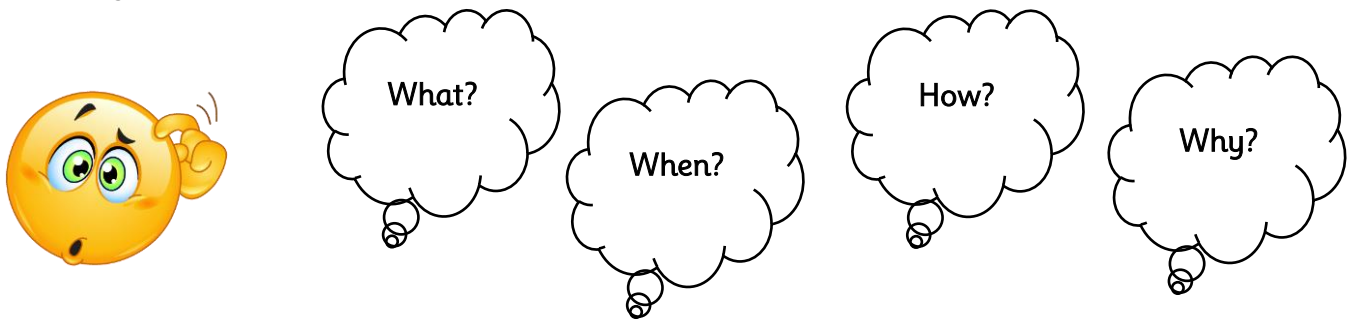


Dear Parents

Tapestry is a very useful tool for communication between school and home. For parents it shows you a snapshot view of your child's learning and achievement. In school we use it to celebrate and track the children's learning and development. It would be impossible to record everything the children do in school, and we would not be able to teach if we were to do so, however we try to capture observations of each child in every area of learning, over their time in nursery and/or reception. This is one of our main tools for recording your child's development in the Early Years.

The option for parents to add observations is very useful because we like to celebrate what the children are achieving outside school and it helps us to get to know the children better. We can build better relationships through sharing these experiences with your child and their class. Therefore we strongly encourage parents to contribute by adding an occasional observation themselves.

We recognise that commenting on an observation or making an observation yourself can be a daunting task!



So here are some top tips for making an observation. We hope you can use these to make an observation of your child and post it on your child's learning journey.

**What?**  
Anything your child is proud to achieve!

**When?**  
As little or often as you wish. As a guide 1 each half term, so 6 in a year would be great!

**Why?**  
Build better relationships, improved self-esteem and good communication between home and school.



**How?**  
Take a photo. Ask your child to tell you about it. Write what they say in their own words.

If you have any questions about using Tapestry please submit your question using the following link:

<https://forms.gle/wM9DAJGz8URACY7e9>

For more information about how to add an observation please see our observation guide

## Finally



Children LOVE to 'Show and Tell'

We will make time for your child to show their observation to their class if they wish to do so!