

# **Tapestry**

Welcome to Tapestry! We hope you are all now enjoying using our new system. Please speak to one of the teachers if you need any help accessing the app or website at any time. You have all been issued passwords but if you need this reset at any time please let us know.



Please be aware that although we love to show off all the fun things we have been doing at nursery this is our assessment system first and foremost. There for we will only add observations of things your child has done that can be used for this purpose. We hope you understand and do not expect us to add an observation each time your child is in. Thank you for your support with this.

It is also really helpful for us when parents add their own observations of their child at home. We can use these to add to our assessments and a great way for us all to work in partnership with each other.

#### Things like:

'My child got dressed by themselves today'.

'My child used a knife and fork correctly.'

'We counted all the stairs in our house today.'

Are really helpful for us. It's also really lovely to see photos of days out you've had as a family so we can talk about in nursery. For example if you went to the zoo and we see a photo of this on Tapestry we can ensure the zoo animals/books etc are out and your child has lots of opportunities to talk about their experience.

#### <u>Invoices</u>

Please ensure any outstanding Fees are paid asap. Thank you to those of you who have already paid. It really helps as we need to ensure we can pay our staff and the rent for the nursery buildings.



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### World Book Day 2019

World Book Day is on **Thursday 5th March**. We would like to invite the children to dress up as their favourite book character on this day. If your child is not in on this day then they are more than welcome to choose another day to dress up that week. We do ask that the focus is on book characters rather than Disney film characters and if possible they bring in the book that matches their costume. It is also important that the costume is practical and your child is still able to get a coat on over the top. We do have a selection of costumes in nursery if you would like to have a browse and borrow one, just ask one of the teachers.

We would also like to read your child's favourite book this week. If they would like they are more than welcome to bring in a book of their choosing and we will read them over the week.

You can join us in building your child's enthusiasm for books well beyond World Book Day by reading together regularly and joining your local library if you are not yet members.

World Book Day celebrates the joy and value of books and reading, especially for children. To help get them started on their reading journey, every child receives a £1 World Book Day Book Token that can either be exchanged for one of TEN special £1 World Book Day books or used to get £1 off any book costing £2.99 or more. You can find out more about the books at <a href="worldbookday.com/books">worldbookday.com/books</a>. Your child will come home from nursery with a token this week.

For more information about World Book Day and ideas on sharing books at home, visit worldbookday.com.

Children are never too young to start their journey with books, and the benefits of reading are enormous—so we hope, like us, you will use World Book Day to celebrate it with your child.

# Ideas to encourage reading at home...

All the children at Nursery love snuggling up in the book corner with a good book and story time is one of the most popular times of the day (after lunch obviously!)

Here are some simple tips that can help encourage children to enjoy reading for pleasure:



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- Read to your child for at least 30 minutes a day. This could be in the bath, cuddled up on the sofa or in bed.
- Sing songs and recite poems that have repetitive rhythms. Repetition makes it easier for your child to pick up on the patterns in the sounds you make.
- Model good reading yourself. Children need to see that reading is something everyone can enjoy. Good excuse to put your feet up for a bit!
- Visit your local library regularly.
- Follow your child's lead. Reading should be pleasurable, if they are not interested right now then try again in a couple of hours.
- Have a selection of books available around the house. Rotating books so different books are on display can keep it exciting for children.

### **School Starters**

If your child is starting school in September and you would like to increase your child's days in preparation for this then please send us an email.

You will be told the outcome of your school application on 16th April. Once you know please let one of the teachers know so we ensure a smooth transition for your child.

### Reminders!

- Please can you ensure all water bottles are named and placed on the water table when you enter the nursery.
- Please double check that your child's wellies still fit them and are clearly labelled. We will be using these lots this term.
- Please let us know if there is anything important going on in your child's life that may have an impact on their behaviour. Either positively or negatively.
- Try to encourage your child to bring in something for show and tell that
  either matches the colour or letter of the week. We understand that
  sometimes they may have something REALLY IMPORTANT that they just
  must bring in which is fine on the odd occasion but it does help if they match
  where possible.
- If your child has come home without their hair clip, gloves or hat etc then please check the show and tell box. This is where we will put all the lost



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property which isn't named. However please try and name all items where possible!

We are currently running low on tissues and baby wipes. If you are able to
we would really appreciate you popping an extra box in your shopping trolley
for us. Thanks in advance!

#### **Little Burrows Montessori**

We are slowly changing our name and all the information to Little Burrows Montessori. Please bear with us whilst we go through this transition.

Our new website is now live:

### www.littleburrows.com

We will slowly be moving all the information across from both websites onto this one. The more hits we get on it the easier it will be to find in a google search so we would really appreciate everyone accessing it every now and then to up our hit count. Thanks all!

#### **Contact Us**

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Please ring the **nursery phone** by 9.30am if your child is absent. If the phone is busy then please leave a text. Thank you for your support.