

# Early Years Newsletter



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## NURSERY NEWS

We would like to begin by saying how much we are missing the children. We really miss their beaming smiles each day and hope we can see them all again soon. In the meantime, we are loving seeing the super learning opportunities and brilliant experiences which are being shared via Tapestry. We know it can be difficult schooling from home but from what we have seen, parents are doing an amazing job! We want to help as much as possible and will offer advice, help and guidance for parents throughout this difficult time.

Tapestry has been a fantastic way of keeping that communication and support in place due to home learning. Thank you to parents for sharing such a lot of information, photos and videos from home. There have been some super examples of learning opportunities, these include; baking, exercising, Numeracy, Phonics, ,exploration and many natural experiences. All of which cover the specific areas of learning for your child. With our help, parents can continue this amazing work from home and the children will continue to shine. You can see from these fantastic photos what wonderful activities the children are participating in while learning from home. These are just a few of the super photos which are constantly being shared with us via Tapestry.



Please remember to keep in contact with us. We have loved the communication, photos and videos via Tapestry so far. Please continue to update us and show us what super activities your child is participating in at home to help extend and enhance their learning opportunities. The children have demonstrated such effort and enthusiasm during the first week, and we are really proud!

We hope to see you soon and trust all our families continue to stay safe at this difficult time.

The Nursery Team

## RECEPTION NEWS

With 'Home Learning' being a new part of our vocabulary and life, we have all been so impressed with how you have so wholly embraced it. Looking at the photographs you have uploaded on to Tapestry and seeing the range of activities and experiences you are having at home is amazing! We have seen learning in most rooms of the house - from cooking in the kitchen to writing at dining room tables to exploring of gardens and even patios too! You are certainly making the most of this unusual time. Most warming of all are the huge smiles the children have on their faces as they learn.



Many of you responded to the marvellous Math's challenge on Wednesday. Children were busy searching their homes for a range of shapes. With great direction from parents, we had children drawing around various objects before folding their shapes to find a half. It was evident from the range of photos and videos uploaded that the children have enjoyed this challenge. Here are a few snapshots from Tapestry. A very big well done to you all! We will set more challenges each week.



At school we have had only a few children in, while their mummies and daddies are working hard, and have been following the weekly plans too. We shared the story of Little Red Riding Hood and retold it with the stick puppets we made. We also did some excellent writing in speech bubbles of what the characters said and chose some super adjectives to describe each one. In Maths, we learnt all about the number 5 and made a poster to show our new learning. What do you think? We used objects to help us find as many different ways to make 10 as we could and recorded as number sentences too. Alongside this we've been painting rainbows, playing on the field, parachute games, dancing with Go Noodle and rock painting amongst other things. Our priority is to keep the children happy and safe.

The school feels very strange being so empty and quiet; we are slowly getting used to it but do miss you all being together greatly. It definitely does not have the same atmosphere. What does cheer us up is seeing all the videos and posts from home.



Life for all staff is so very different, whether teachers are working from home, where turning on our computers isn't nearly such a wonderful way of starting the day as a class full of beaming faces. We certainly miss that! By contrast, those in school are able to see the smiley faces of the children in school but children and adults alike, miss us all being together. One wonderful way to keep in touch has been spotted on Tapestry this week. Have any of you tried writing a letter to a friend that you are missing from school? Look at the smile on Lucas' face as he received a letter from a close friend in RWP. Pen pals forever we think!



We will continue to upload activities for you to try your hand at each week. Alongside this, we are also uploading videos several times a week to keep in touch and support the learning at home. If there are any questions big or small, please message us as usual. We will be very happy to help.