

New EYFS Reforms: Parent and Carer Information Sheet

The Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) is being reformed and there is a new EYFS framework that all schools and settings will have to follow from September 2021. These national changes have been made to better support all young children's learning and development. It is also the aim that the new framework will better prepare children for Nursery and Reception.

There are some elements of the EYFS that have not significantly changed and some that have.

Below are some of the key points from the new EYFS reforms that include relevant changes which parents, carers and children may notice or experience.

- Staff will be spending less time on large amounts of written observations for evidence collection. This means they can spend more time supporting and engaging with the children and their learning and development needs.
- Children will no longer be assessed against statements from an age band category. Instead, Practitioners will use their experience and knowledge to monitor a child's learning and development.
- There is an emphasis on improving children's language and vocabulary through increasing opportunities for conversations, reading of a wide range of books and holding discussions around activities in other areas of learning.
- Children will be challenged to have a greater depth and understanding of ideas.
- Focusing on a greater depth of understanding numbers 1-10.
- Narrowing the gap
- Safeguarding and welfare of children is still a priority, with the added mention of teaching children about the importance of good oral health and how to keep teeth clean and healthy.

Tapestry Journal

The original intention for using Tapestry is still the same as it enhances Parental engagement and allows you as Parents/Carers to share learning experience from your home to help Practitioners have a more complete understanding of children in our care.

The new EYFS allows Practitioners to have more time for meaningful interactions and engage with the children. Tapestry Journal will allow us to collate significant moments of learning of your children rather than trying to satisfy an observation count.

We will still be posting children observations but this will be limited to significant moments of learning.

We value your partnership with us and will like you to continue sharing what your children do outside the Nursery on Tapestry as we believe learning takes place all the time.

How could you help learning and development at home to support the new EYFS reforms?

- Read stories daily to your child and use them as an opportunity to talk about the characters and events in the story. You could also discuss some of the details children have spotted in the pictures, such as the character's facial expressions.
- Have lots of conversations with your child throughout the day. Try and increase their vocabulary by using a wide range of words.
- Practice counting with your child and looking at small groups of items. Explore what happens to numbers when you put these small groups of items together or split a larger group into two smaller groups.
- Encourage your child to make healthy food and drink choices, especially related to sugar content and how this can affect teeth. Also, support your child to properly brush their teeth at least twice a day at home.
- Plan activities that allow your child to be active and develop their strength through large body movements as well as smaller, more precise movements.
- Lastly play with your child, have fun days out, visit the park library and other places of interest.

