

Starting Reception: Our Aims and Working Together



HELLO PARENTS!

This E-book outlines our aims for your child starting school and how we plan to work together with you to guide you through the beginning of your child's school journey.



Our Initial Aims

We want your child to feel happy and safe at West End Primary!

We want them to settle into their new routine as quickly as possible.

We want the children from our Nursery, Pre-School and other childcare settings to bond together within their new class.

We want to establish a strong, learning partnership with yourselves.





IF CHILDREN FEEL SAFE,
THEY CAN TAKE RISKS.
ASK QUESTIONS.
MAKE MISTAKES.
LEARN TO TRUST.
SHARE THEIR FEELINGS.
AND GROW.

-ALFIE KOHN



WE WANT YOUR CHILD TO FEEL SAFE AND SECURE

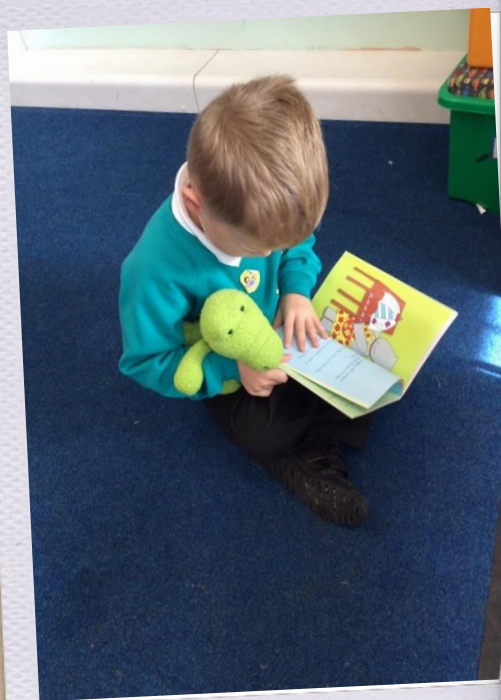
Although this year is a little different, we will be sending out information and establishing a two-way conversation with your child through the all about me activity set through Tapestry.

We will be talking to your child's current setting to get to know about your child and their interests.

Your child will be able to watch a video about their new school. Offering a virtual tour and exploring what a day in Reception looks like.

You and your child will have received an E-book to explore who we are, what their new class might look like and what areas and activities there will be.

Your child will find out their class teacher in July.



Together
MAY WE GIVE
our children
the —
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grow
AND THE
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to fly



Working Together

Before your child starts Reception:

We will be sending out lots of transition information.

Usually we use Tapestry as a Learning Platform however in the current situation if you would like to ask any questions you can pop them on there and we will create a FAQs.

We will also be setting All About Me challenges in July



WORKING TOGETHER...

Children learn best when there is a good learning partnership between school and home.

We will provide you with a Topic web each half-term which will give you an overview of what your child will learn.

We will provide you with an End of Year report detailing your child's progress.

We will provide you with a welcome booklet in September outlining our routines.

We will post regular photographs, notes and assessments on Tapestry.

We will keep you informed about important events through Tapestry, Teachers 2 Parents and School Newsletters.

WORKING TOGETHER...

Sadly, COVID-19 will have an impact on some of our home-school activities.

However, if and when it is safe to do so we will...

Send reading books home and write comments in your child's reading record.

Invite you to share your child's learning on occasions.

Provide activities for your child to do at home in their Learning at Home book and enclose copies of our on-going assessment records.

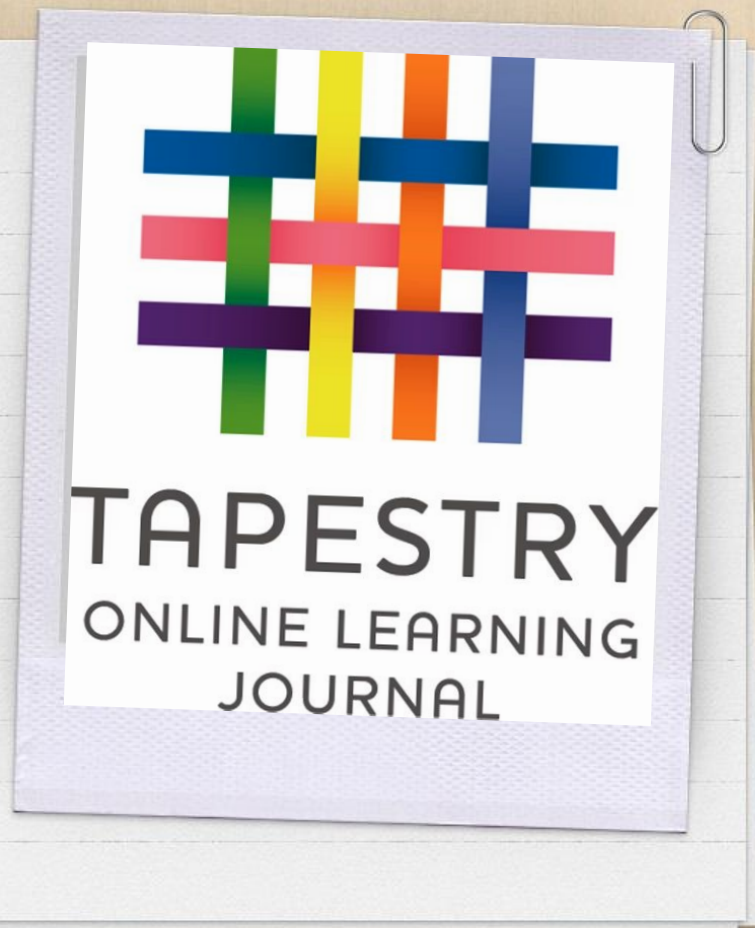
Host Parent Meetings where we discuss your child's progress.

Tapestry

As you probably know already, Tapestry is a great tool to share learning from school and at home.

Tapestry often provides you with the answer to the question 'What did you do at school?'

It would be wonderful if you could also post some of the things your child does at home as this gives us a picture of your whole child in different situations.



MOST IMPORTANTLY...

We want you and your child to feel happy about starting Reception with us and we hope these little information books will give you some peace of mind.

Thank You

Miss Costello, Mrs Milne and Miss Watson

Miss Costello



Mrs Milne



Miss Watson

