

Reception Open Afternoon



Aims of today's session

- ▶ An understanding of reading at Wood End Park
- ▶ An understanding of the schools handwriting policy
- ▶ Signing up for tapestry
- ▶ Knowing how you can support your child at the beginning of the year
- ▶ A chance to look around the classroom and see some of the work that is on display
- ▶ A chance to talk to your child's class teacher and nursery nurse

Reading

- ▶ All children have started to learn phase 2 phonic sounds (s,a,t,p)
- ▶ We are introducing them to blending.
- ▶ Once your child can blend they will get a book that they can read to you
- ▶ Non word books are given at the moment for children to tell you what is happening in the story
- ▶ Library books are given so you can encourage the love of reading.

School Handwriting Policy

- ▶ In reception we focus on writing the lowercase letters correctly.
- ▶ We do not teach uppercase until Spring Term



Tapestry

- ▶ Before you leave today make sure you have filled in the tapestry form
- ▶ Tapestry is an online learning journal which gives you access to what your child is doing each week.
- ▶ Pick up a tapestry parent guide before you leave which will show you how to add observations, view observations and add comments to the observations.



TAPESTRY
ONLINE LEARNING
JOURNAL

How can you support your child?

- ▶ Read with them every day
- ▶ Use your child's school diary to send messages to your child's class teacher
- ▶ Talk to your child in a very positive light about school - Really focus on the positives.
- ▶ Encourage your child to eat at home at a table with a knife and fork and to try new tastes.
- ▶ If you need to speak to your child's class teacher about any concerns or worries please do this without your child present. The end of the day is often a better time than the morning but please be prepared to wait until the majority of the children are dismissed.

- ▶ Now you can explore the classroom with your child.
- ▶ Ask the teacher any questions that you need to.