

Dear Parents

Please find attached information regarding 3 new web applications that the school has implemented and is providing for your child. This will help support their teaching and learning remotely when needed. Here is a brief overview of each application.



Tapestry

As you are already aware from the Parent Teacher visits this is the application we will be using to assess your child and also share their learning both from home and school. This will be a way of communicating safely over the foreseeable future. This will be via the Memo option on Tapestry. Most parents have signed up if you have not registered please contact **your class teacher directly as soon as possible**.

THE FOLLOWING 2 APPS will be used at a later stage just before KS1. But feel free to explore them in the meantime.

Purple Mash Will be used when your child prepares for Year 1

Purple Mash (2 simple) is a web application that children can access from home and at school. **Purple Mash** is an award winning cross-curricular website aimed at primary school children. It enables children to explore and enhance their knowledge in a fun and creative way. This can be accessed from home and where necessary teachers can now set work for children individually and be able to communicate back and forth when needed. Each child at the school has been provided with a log in card and you will find these details attached. When Year R start to use this service we will of course let you know. In the meantime please keep this information safe so you have it when needed in the future. **There will not be any set work for your child on here. Your activities to try at home with your children will come via Tapestry.** Purple Mash will be used only later in Year R and when advised. We just want to be prepared.

Espresso - Discovery Education

Espresso is an online cross-curricular service that provides video-rich resources to schools throughout the UK. It contains thousands of videos and multimedia activities to enhance your child's learning skills. We also use this in school to motivate, engage and more importantly provide a research tool for children.

We are pleased to announce that you and your child can now access award-winning Discovery Education (Espresso) service from home. This information sheet is also attached for you to have a read through and explore.

What is the difference between them all?

Tapestry will be our main line of communication with you and your child and where we will send activities home. To share the teaching and learning both at school and at home. **Purple Mash** may be our learning platform in the latter stages of Year R. This is where work will be set and shared, using an array of templates as an alternative to pen and paper. Also **Espresso** will be useful for additional research and learning resources to support children's learning.

So what we would like you to do now?

To ensure that you are able to access Tapestry can we ask all Parents to log into the system to make sure you have activated your account. If you do not have an activation email and have not yet registered please see your class teacher as soon as possible. At some point once you are set up on Tapestry I would be grateful if you could log into Purple Mash (as the attached instructions) to ensure that you can log in from home and also log into Discovery Education (Espresso) so we know that both logins work. This will help us to provide you with access online should the need arise. If you do have any problems accessing any of the applications please let us know so we can then make sure that this is resolved so we can provide remote learning and you will be ready to go should needed. Over the next few days I will send through your log-in codes for all the platforms.

PROBLEMS ACCESSING - If you have any problems accessing Tapestry, Purple Mash or Discovery Education please contact your class teacher in the first instance or if this is not possible email itac@fairisle-inf.co.uk and I will try and help you as soon as I possibly can.

Lastly I hope this hasn't been too overwhelming but as technology moves forward it is vital that we keep up to date with online access. Many thanks for your understanding.

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