Dear Parents,

At Prudhoe Castle’s Early Years Unit we use a piece of educational software called ‘Tapestry’ to create individual ‘learning journeys’ for your child.

By logging on with a secure username and password you will be able to view all of your children’s observations, photographs and even videos from their time in Nursery and Reception. You can opt to receive an email telling you when a new observation or piece of work is available for you to view. This will enable you to follow your child’s individual progress closely and you can reflect upon their achievements with your child. You can add comments and your own observations of the learning they get up to at home. Staff will reference your child’s learning to the EYFS profile so you will know which area of learning your child is achieving in and the age-band they were working in for that activity.

Tapestry is hosted in the UK on secure servers. These servers conform to very high environmental standards and are proactively managed 24 hours a day. Each Tapestry account has its own database and the code itself is developed using hack-resistant techniques. Filenames are encoded for uploaded videos and images, making Tapestry a safe and secure on-line Learning Journey tool.

E-safety is extremely important to us at Prudhoe Castle. Therefore, we ask you to give us permission to set up an online Learning Journey for your child and to read and sign to show that you understand and agree to guidelines for use by returning the attached slip.

If you do not have an e-mail address or internet access is a problem, please indicate below. We will be able to help provide access to Tapestry in school.

Tapestry is straight forward to use and you will receive a guide on how to access and view your child’s learning journey and make your own contributions by uploading your own comments, observations, photographs and videos. We are also happy to talk to you how to do this over the phone, if you would prefer.