

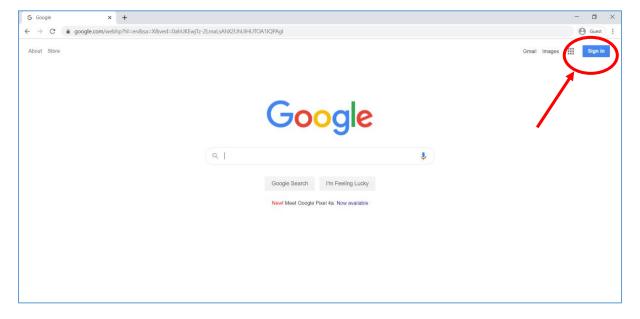
Google Classroom How-To Guide

A note to parents and carers - although this guide addresses children directly, and children have had opportunities to use Google Classroom at school, they will probably need some support with using the software at home. Please support your child as much as possible. It shouldn't be a difficult system to use, and it gets much easier the more you use it. Most of it is self-explanatory, and children can figure most of it out by exploring and poking around; it's pretty much impossible to break anything or mess anything up. But, it should not be a stressful experience; if you run into any difficulties, please get in touch with the school, and we'll do whatever we can to help.

On a computer

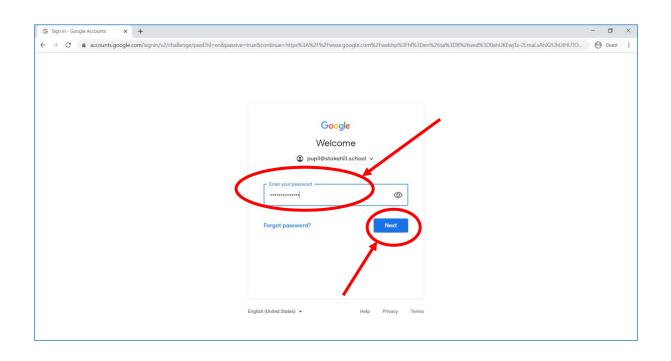
First, you need to sign in to Google using your @stokehill.school account. You should know what your user name is – it's the one you always use at school. It will be your first name followed by a full stop, and then the first initial of your last name followed by the year you started the junior school (Y3-20, Y4-19, Y5-18, Y6-17). For example, Joe Bloggs in Year 3 would be joe.b20@stokehill.school.

So, go to google.com and click sign in. You can do this in any browser. Here I'm using Google Chrome:





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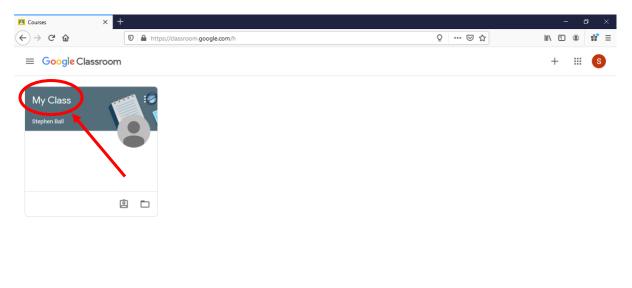
You'll be taken back to Google's homepage, but you're now signed in. There's a grid of apps in the top right. This has lots of apps, including:

- Google Docs, the word processor
- Google Drive, where all of your work is saved
- Google Classroom, where teachers will post work and resources



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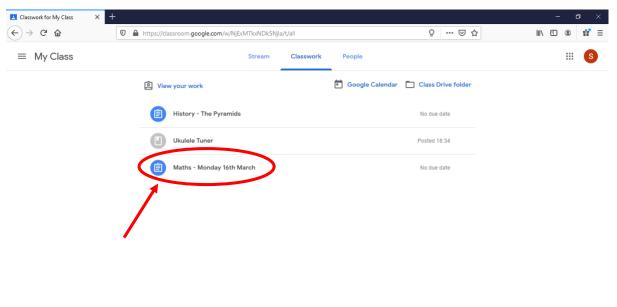




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In the classroom's main page, you can see the "Stream" which is a **public** area to post messages. Please remember that **everyone** in the class can see what is posted here – as a rule of thumb, please don't add anything you wouldn't be happy to put up on the wall of a real classroom.

You can also see announcements of upcoming work, and links to the classwork area.



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By clicking on an assignment, you can see the instructions, and you can click "view assignment". Teachers might put work for you to do in your exercise books:

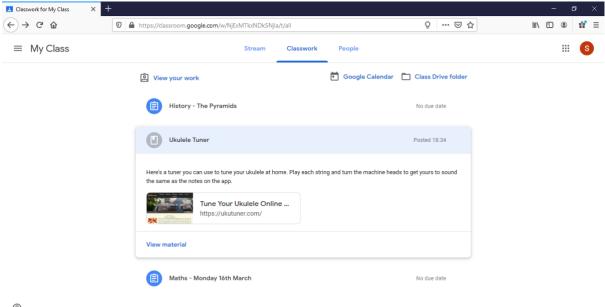


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Or they might add resources such as apps or links to websites you might find useful



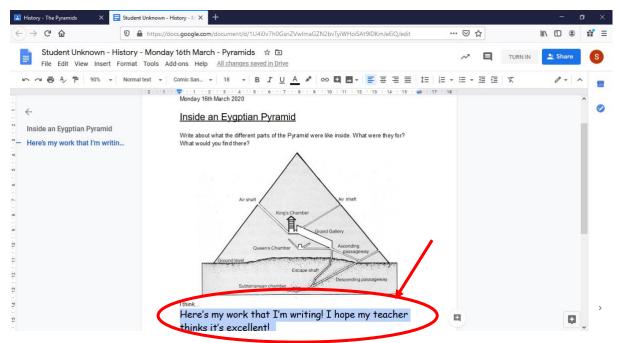
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Finally, they might add work that you can do on a computer, so there will be a document attached that you can *edit*. Open this and do your work.



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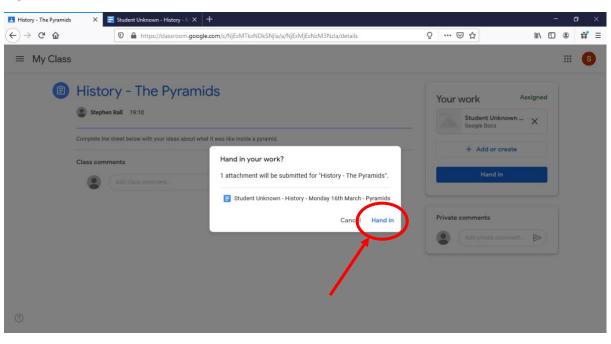




When your work is finished, you can hand it in. Remember, your work is saved in your Google Drive as you go along; you don't need to do anything



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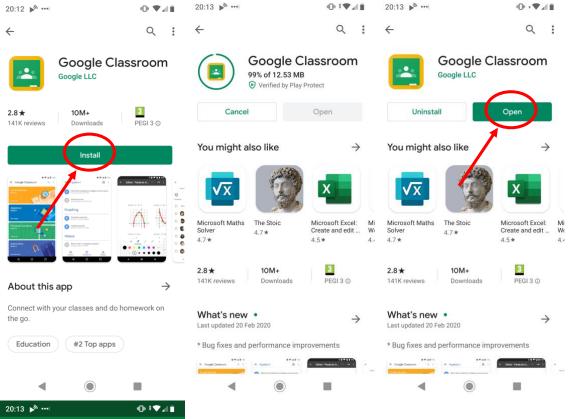
You can use also use the Add or create button to create a new google document, or upload a photo of any work you have done offline.

Hopefully this helps! You should be practising all this in class soon so if there's any problems, you can get them sorted.



On a Phone or Tablet

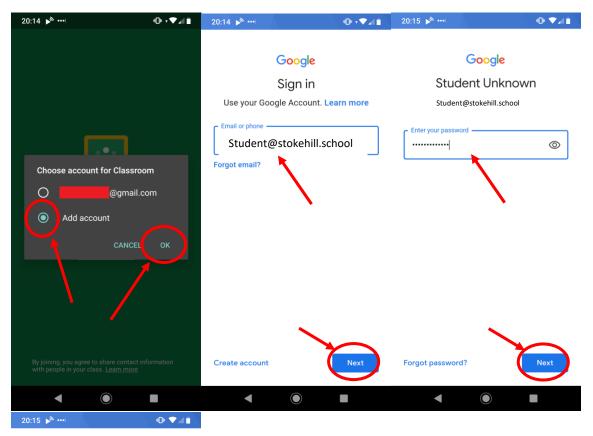
It is impossible for us to test Google Classroom on all the devices you might have at home. But it works well on an Android phone and an iPad, so most devices should be fine. First, download the Google Classroom app from the App Store.







Then you'll be asked to choose an account. You'll need to click "add an account", and add your @decoyschool.co.uk account.



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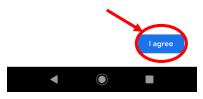




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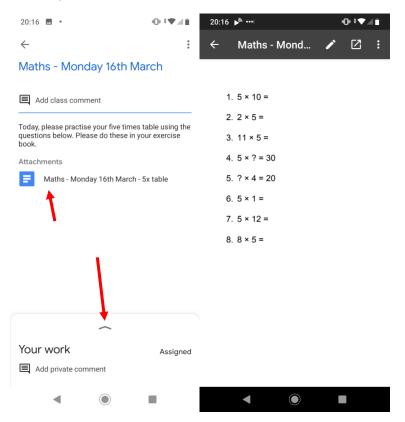




Now, you can go to your class, and you can see the activities and resources your teacher has posted. It's very similar to using it on a desktop computer.

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At the bottom, you can see your work for each assignment. It's a bit fiddly to try writing your work on a phone, but you can see the instructions and worksheets, and use these to help you write your work in your workbook.





Finally, you can use the menu on the left side to add accounts and choose which account is being used, so siblings can be signed in on the same device.

