Guidance for Parents and carers

Google classroom

What is Google Classroom?

Google classroom is a virtual learning platform which we will be using as your child's digital link to learning.

Teachers will be able to use Google Classroom to share work, homework and much more with the children and parents/carers.
Please note that Early Years will continue to also use their Tapestry online learning journal alongside Google Classroom.

Google Classroom can be accessed anywhere, at any time and from any device including;

Downloading the Google App will allow you to edit Google Assignments (work) from any device that is connected to the internet. However, you can also access Google Classroom via the internet using www.classroom.google.com. If you do not have a device at home that you can access Google Classroom via, please contact the class teacher.

Getting started

Each child has been provided with a secure login and password that is unique to them. This information will be provided to you by their class teacher. If for any reason you have not received this or it is lost, please contact your child's class teacher.
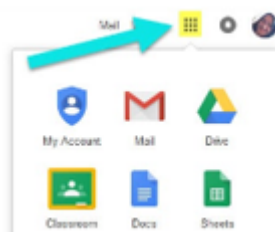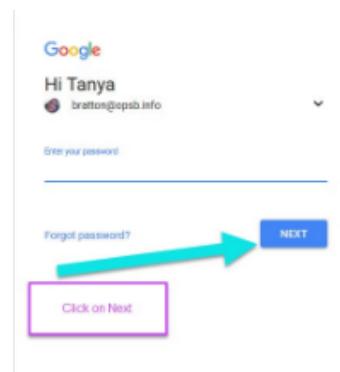
Logging in to Google Classroom

1. Click on the Google Chrome browser icon.

2. Type www.classroom.google.com into your web address bar.

3. Click on **SIGN IN** in the upper right hand corner of the browser window.

4. Type in your child's Google Email address provided by the school and click "next."

5. Type in your PASSWORD, provided by the school and click "next."

6. This will take you to the Google Suite. If you click on the 9 squares (Waffle/Rubik's Cube) icon in the top right hand corner to see the Google Suite of Products.
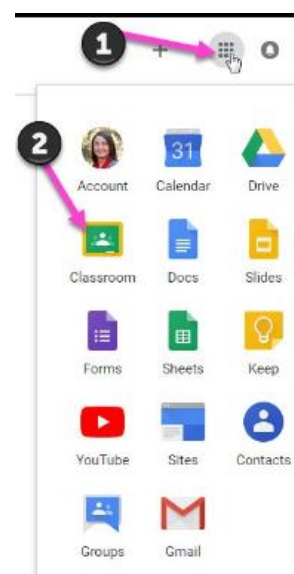

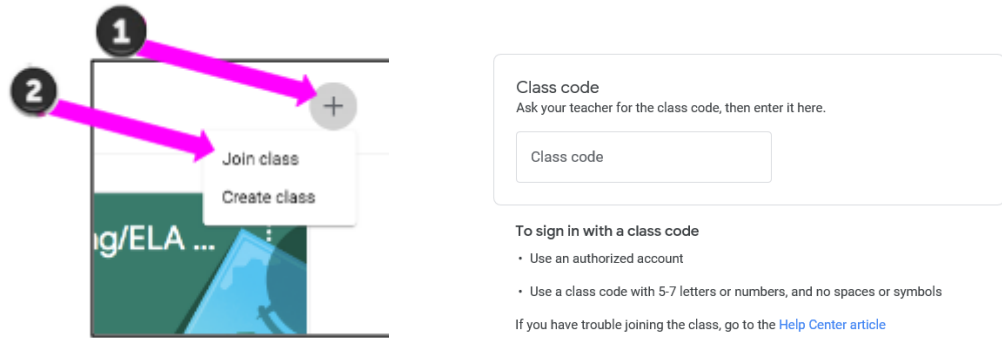## Joining the class in Google Classroom.

Please note that children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 have already joined their class in school so you can move to 'Navigating Google Classroom' on the next page.

For children in Early Years, Year 1 and Year 2, please continue to follow the steps below.

1. Click on the waffle button and then the Google Classroom icon.

2. Click on the "+" to join a class. Type in the class code given by your teacher on the letter from school.

3. Click on the class you wish to view.

How you can support your child?

Whilst many children are confident at using new app's and online computer programmes, we ask that whilst the children become familiar with using this new platform, parents and carers offer some support in helping their child navigate their way round. We understand that learning at home is challenging for child and we will continue to do all we can to support the children. We also understand that many parents may be working from home and they challenges that this presents however, we ask that when children are learning from home, parents are available to offer some support and guidance as they are able to.
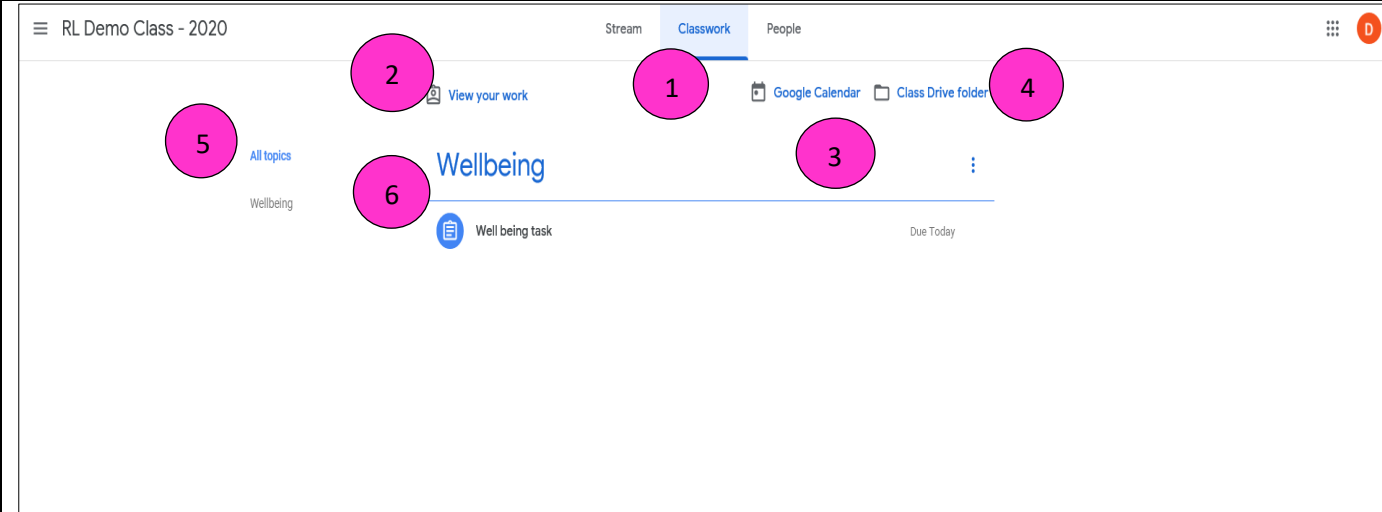
Navigating Google Classroom

When you have joined the class, your page will look like this.

1. Shows the name of the class.	5. Waffle button – to navigate Google Drive
2. Announcements page (stream) – This is where will send messages and post teaching videos.	6. Your account
3. Classwork – this is where you will find work that has been set	7. Upcoming events – It will let you know what work is coming up to be submitted.
4. People – shows who else is in the class. Teachers and classmates.	8. Updates from your teacher – You will be able to see messages and posts from your teacher.

When you click on classwork (number 3 in the previous picture) you will open the following page.

1. Classwork tab – where 2. See the work you have been doing 3. Google Calendar – this will show you when work is due. 4. Class Drive Folder – where your work will be automatically saved.	5. Topics available e.g English, Maths, Wellbeing. 6. Work that has been set or resources you may need for the learning.