

**Nine Mile Ride
School**

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*Learning for life - together we discover, nurture, achieve and shine.
Respect, Resourcefulness, Resilience, Reflectiveness*

Guidance for parents

Our Online Learning Offer

We have provided access for each child to use our online learning platform, Google Classroom. Whilst we realise that home-learning will look different in every house, and that no parent has chosen to be a 'teacher' during these difficult times, we want to be able to offer learning opportunities for all of our children.

The assignments and materials are set by class teachers each week, and are designed to match the learning requirements of children in their class. Supporting resources will be provided as appropriate, whether these be slides, documents or links to other websites. Teachers may also post pre-recorded videos to model expectations to support the learning activity, or to read parts of a story to children.

Children will be allocated to year group classes, rather than individual classes, and work will be assigned and allocated from here. Weekly assignments will be marked and feedback provided, however this will be done within year groups, so your child may receive feedback from someone other than their class teacher.

Assignments

Each class will be offered the following learning assignments each week, which children may choose to do as part of their home learning activities:

- One maths activities
- One writing activities
- One reading activities

These assignments will be differentiated as part of our normal practice, and children will be assigned work appropriate to their level. This may mean that children in the same class have different work within their Google Classroom classwork page.

These assignments will normally be set on a Sunday morning, with a due date for the following Friday. Children may be able to submit work for these assignments (see the guide below for information on how to do these). Once work has been submitted and marked as handed in, teachers will provide feedback through either marks or comments on the work.

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Other Learning Material

In addition, we will also be setting further material which offers children a choice of 30 maths, English and creative curriculum tasks which children can choose to do over a three-week period. This will enable children to have a wide range of tasks to choose from whilst they are continuing to learn from home. These tasks will not need to be submitted, and they will not be marked by the teaching staff.

Communication with teaching staff

Children will be able to send private comments to teachers on any of the assignments that have been set within Google Classroom. Teachers will be able to reply, giving feedback or assistance through the private comments. This is an excellent way for staff to communicate about the assignments with the children in their class.

Google Meets

As part of our ongoing work to support the children at Nine Mile Ride Primary school, we are keen to explore ways in which we can communicate directly with the children, beyond the comments in Google Classroom.

At pre-arranged times, we would like to invite your child to be part of a video call, via Google Meets, with a small group of children and their class teachers/teaching assistants. Children will be invited to join a Google Meets call through Google Classroom and they will be given a day and time to join. You will be able to join by clicking on the meet link which can be found at the top of the stream page (underneath the class name) or by clicking the video icon under classwork.

We want to ensure that all of our children and staff are safe and feel comfortable when using online resources therefore we would like to establish some clear guidelines for all families who may wish to participate in any of these Google Meets:

- Please ensure video calls are not recorded at in anyway or at any time.
- Parents understand that their child's webcam image will be visible to other children and parents within the same video call to see.
- Video chats will be led by the class teachers, and children will be encouraged to take turns to talk and listen to one another respectfully.
- Teachers will be hosting a number of sessions with groups of children, so these will be running to a timetable and end at the allocated times so the class teachers are able to prepare for the next meeting.

We hope that these sessions will be a way in which children can communicate with their teachers in a more personal way.

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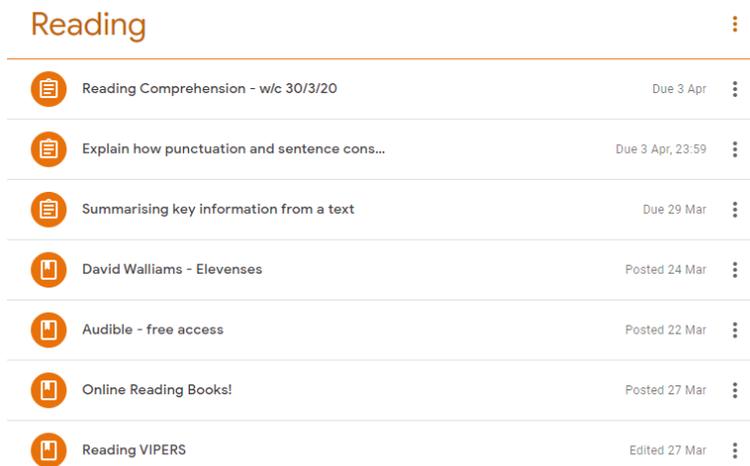
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Opening Assignments and Submitting Work on Google Classroom

Open an assignment

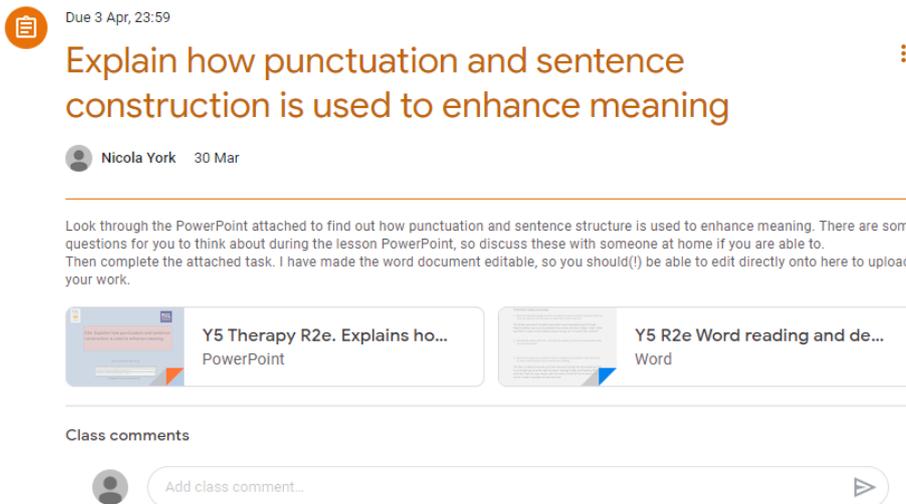
1. Open your class page, then select classwork from the tab at the top.



The screenshot shows a Google Classroom interface with a subject filter set to 'Reading'. A list of assignments is displayed, each with an icon, title, and due date. The assignments are:

- Reading Comprehension - w/c 30/3/20 (Due 3 Apr)
- Explain how punctuation and sentence cons... (Due 3 Apr, 23:59)
- Summarising key information from a text (Due 29 Mar)
- David Walliams - Elevenses (Posted 24 Mar)
- Audible - free access (Posted 22 Mar)
- Online Reading Books! (Posted 27 Mar)
- Reading VIPERS (Edited 27 Mar)

2. Scroll until you find an assignment, and then click on the title of the assignment. The assignments will be in the relevant subject topic within the classwork area of the class page.
3. This will bring you to a new page.



The screenshot shows a Google Classroom assignment page. At the top, it says 'Due 3 Apr, 23:59'. The assignment title is 'Explain how punctuation and sentence construction is used to enhance meaning'. The teacher is Nicola York, who posted it on 30 Mar. Below the title, there is a description: 'Look through the PowerPoint attached to find out how punctuation and sentence structure is used to enhance meaning. There are some questions for you to think about during the lesson PowerPoint, so discuss these with someone at home if you are able to. Then complete the attached task. I have made the word document editable, so you should(!) be able to edit directly onto here to upload your work.' Two attachments are shown: 'Y5 Therapy R2e. Explains ho... PowerPoint' and 'Y5 R2e Word reading and de... Word'. At the bottom, there is a 'Class comments' section with a text input field and a submit button.

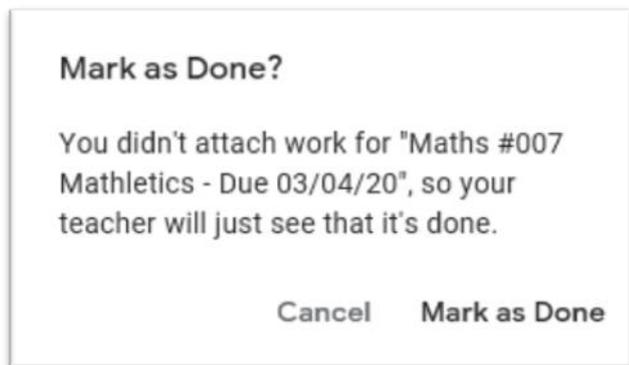
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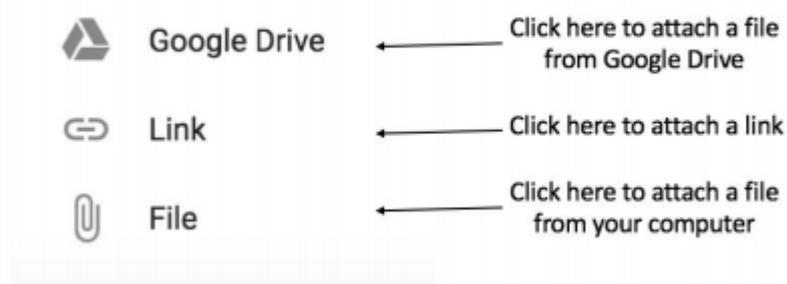
Complete an assignment without attaching a file

1. If your assignment does not ask you to complete any work or attach a file, to mark your assignment as complete click on MARK AS DONE.
2. This will open the following pop up. Click MARK AS DONE again to mark the assignment as complete.

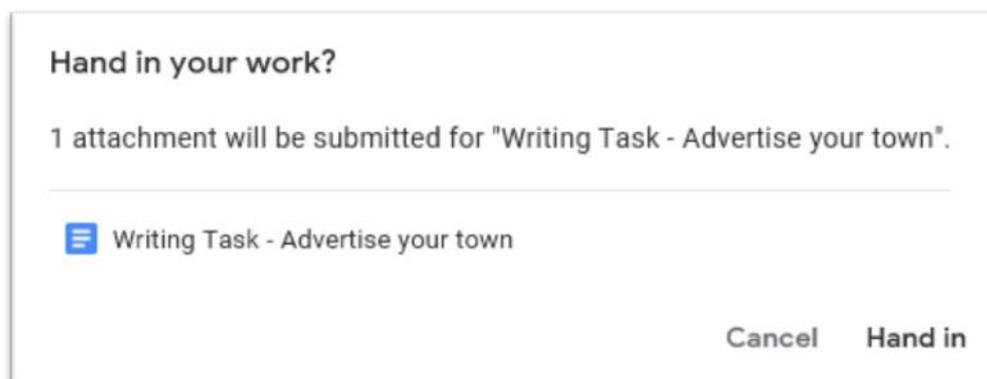


Attach an already existing file

1. To attach a file that you have already created, click ADD, which will bring up the following drop down menu.



2. After attaching your submission, click HAND IN.
3. This will open the following pop up, asking if you would like to submit your work. Click HAND IN again to submit your assignment.

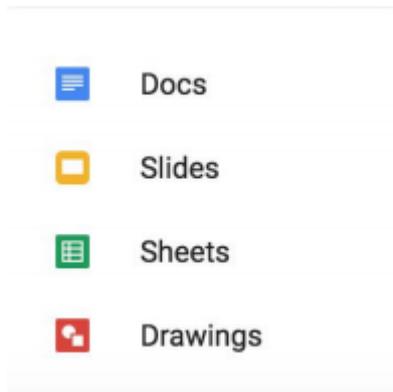


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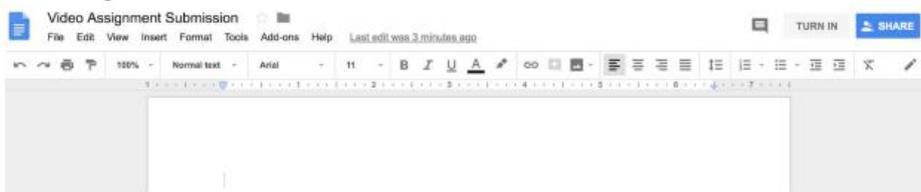
Create a new file to complete your submission

1. To create a file from scratch on Google Drive, click CREATE, which will bring up the following drop down menu.



2. Click on one of the options, and this will develop a file for your submission.

3. Click on the file and a new tab will open up for you to edit the file and complete the assignment.



4. Once you have completed the assignment, click HAND IN in the top right corner.

5. This will open the following pop up, asking if you would like to submit your work. Click HAND IN again to submit your assignment.

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