Year 1 Home Learning Parent Workshop



24th November 2025

Online safety

- 1 in 3 children aged 5-7 use social media unsupervised. This figure has been increasing year-on-year. (Ofcom)
- 23% of children aged 8-15 spend more than four hours a day on an internet-enabled device. (Children's Commissioner for England)
- A third of children aged 8-17 have seen something worrying or nasty online, but only 20% of their parents report being told about it. (Ofcom)
- Bullying is one of the most common issues young people face online.
- Around 70% of children will encounter violent or pornographic content while using the internet for research and homework. (Natterhub)
- Almost 3 in 10 children aged 8-17 have experienced someone being nasty or hurtful to them via apps or platforms, which is higher than the rate of in-person experiences.
 (Ofcom)
- Almost a quarter of children (23%) claim they can identify what is real or fake online, but fail to do so in a test. (Ofcom)

Chromebooks will be introduced to the children this half term.

During this time, they will begin developing simple digital skills through <u>short</u> sessions, including:

- Learning how to log on, access resources, and engage in a range of educational activities
- Conducting simple research and exploring topics with teacher guidance
- Developing mouse skills, such as clicking and dragging
- Using simple programmes such as Sketchpad to draw diagrams and express creativity through digital art
- Accessing platforms such as *Spelling Shed*, which supports literacy development and allows children to practise spelling skills in an interactive and engaging way.

Children from Year 1 to Year 6 are provided with a Chromebook at Grange Park.

- **In School Use:** We teach online safety discreetly and through various curriculum areas. We monitor use to ensure the equipment is solely for your child's educational purposes, and children receive adequate time away from Chromebooks.
- In Year 1, we use Chromebooks for the following purposes to enhance the children's learning across the curriculum:
- Google Classroom to access resources including Read Write Inc videos
- Spelling Shed to develop spelling skills
- Numbots to develop knowledge of number bonds, addition and subtraction
- Sketchpad to develop drawing skills
- Develop digital skills through Touch Typing and Howdou (Google Workspace)

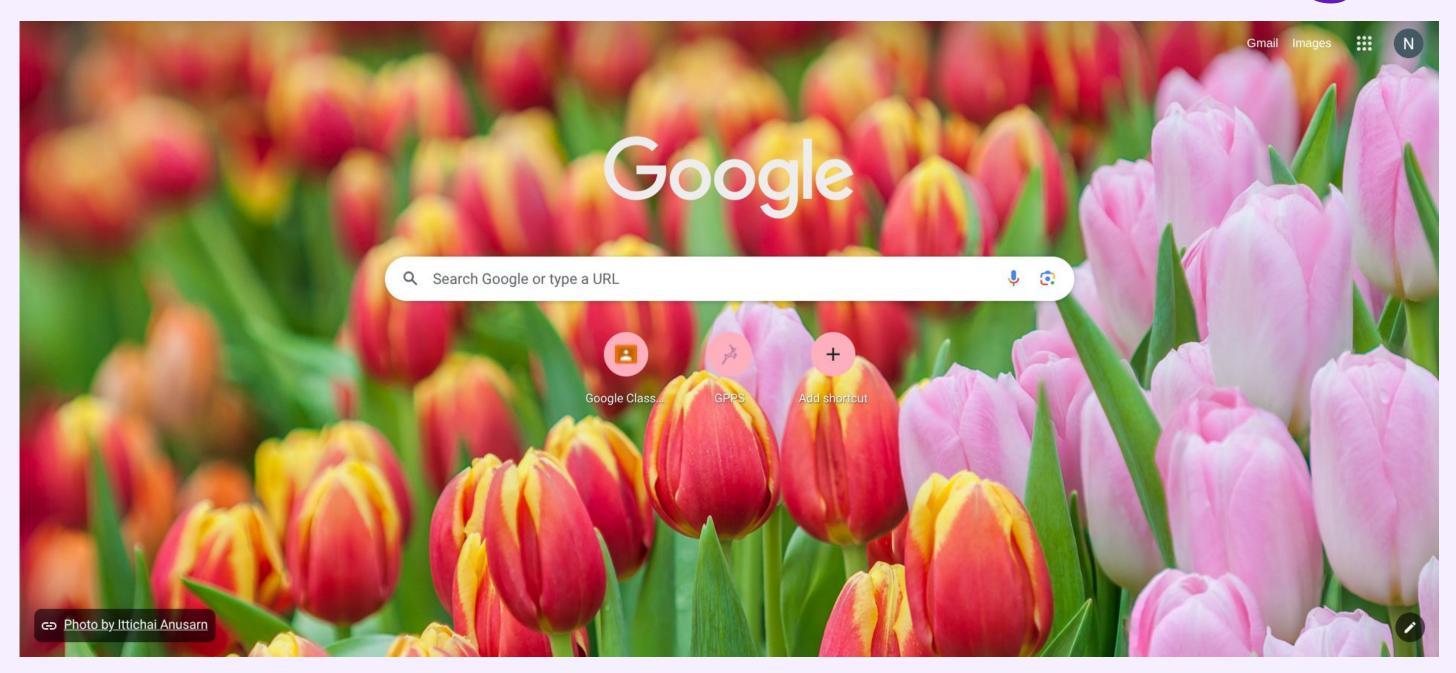
Home Use:

- The home learning timetable is uploaded onto Google Classroom each week.
- On a fortnightly basis, children are set either an English or a Maths task
- On a weekly basis children are set spellings, which can be practised on paper or via Spelling Shed.
- Additional activities may include RWI videos, Numbots, Touch Typing, Howdou or an e-safety task.
 - o On a half termly basis, children are set a Learning Quest project
 - Chromebooks must be brought to school daily, fully charged.
- Please ensure they are treated with care and that their use is monitored at home for ducational purposes only, and used only by your child.

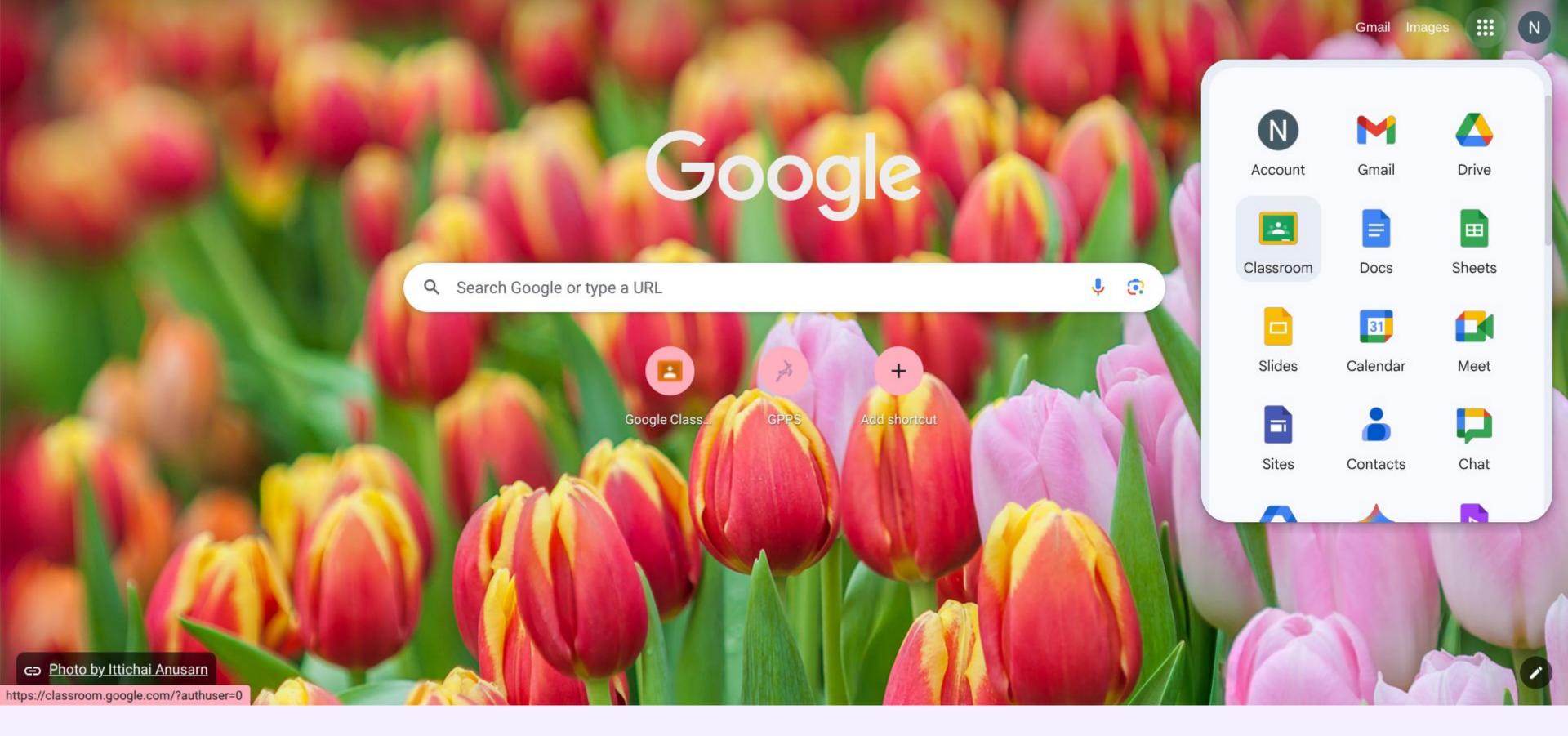
We remind you of the Chromebook Agreement signed prior to your child receiving their device.

- Accidental Damage/Loss: In the event of accidental damage, we request 50% of the trust's cost for the Chromebook, currently £85. Lost chargers are £24.70, and lost cases are £6.50. You will always receive an email notification when this payment is added to your basket. For any questions or queries regarding this, please speak with the class teacher or the school office team.
- Care Tips: Please help your children care for their Chromebooks by transporting them in the provided cases and avoiding eating and drinking while using them. IT Safety Parents, please also ensure you are monitoring your child's IT use on their other personal devices.

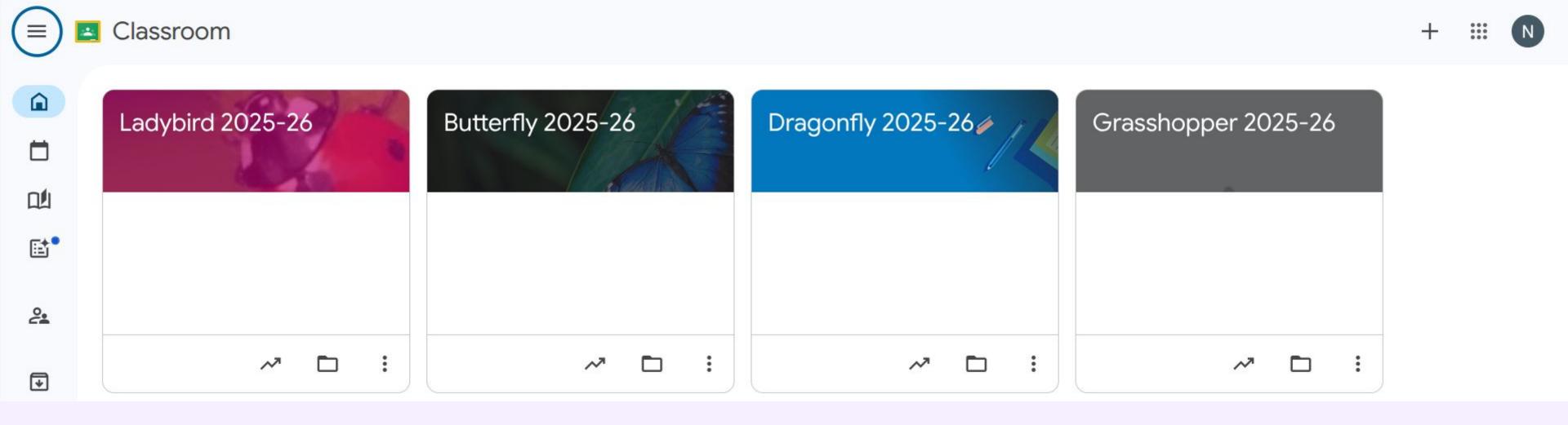
How to access Home Learning



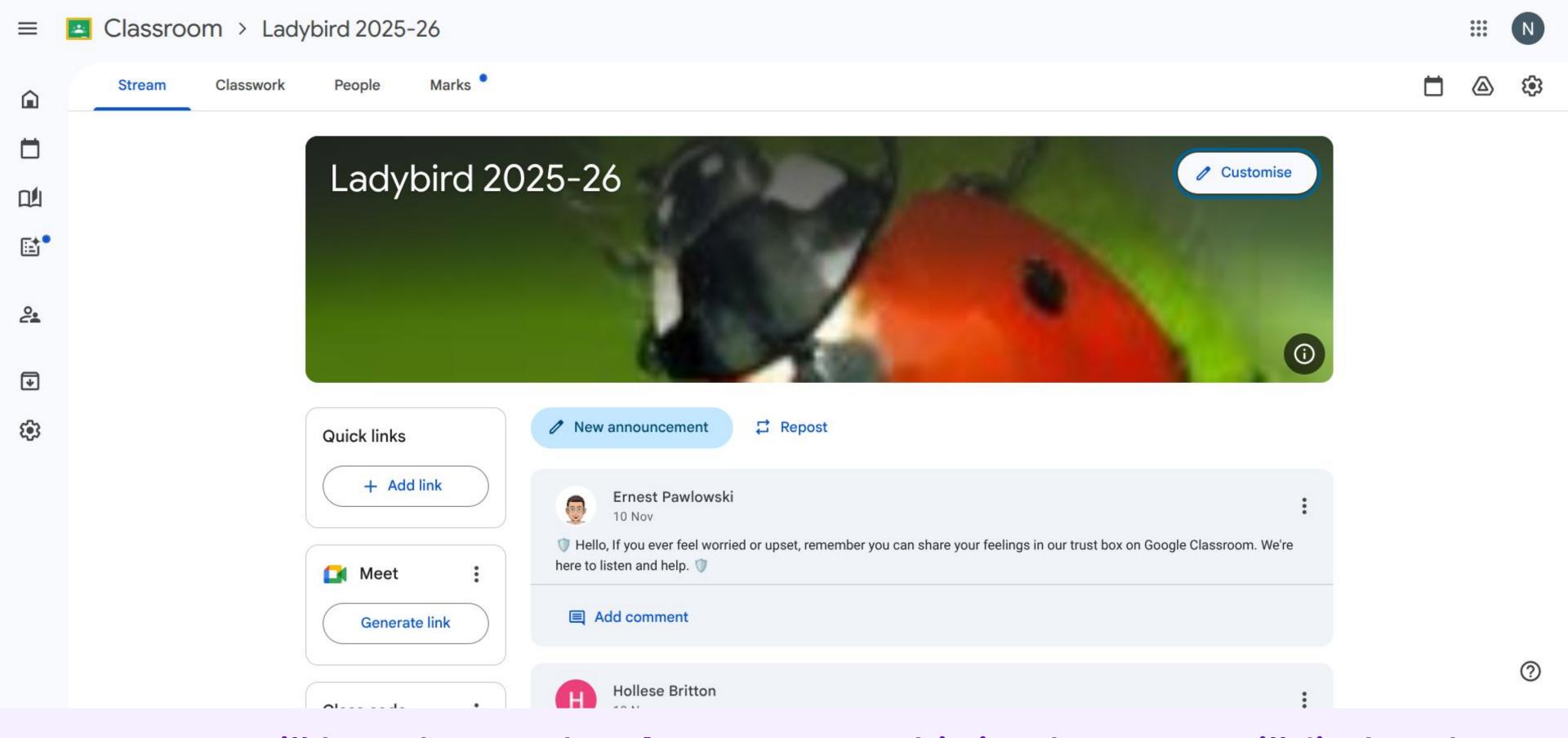
Step 1: Open Google Chrome.



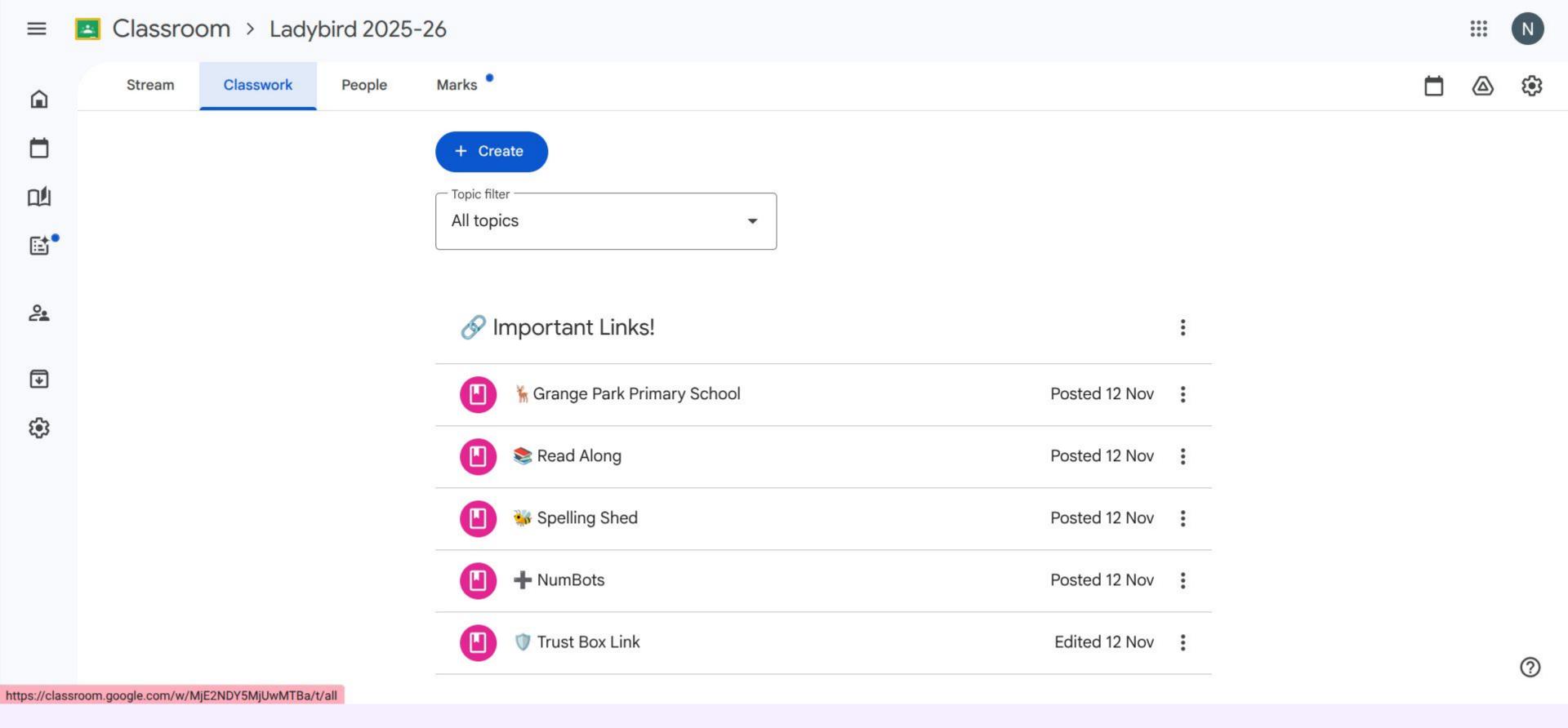
Step 2: Click on the Google Apps icon and select Google Classroom.



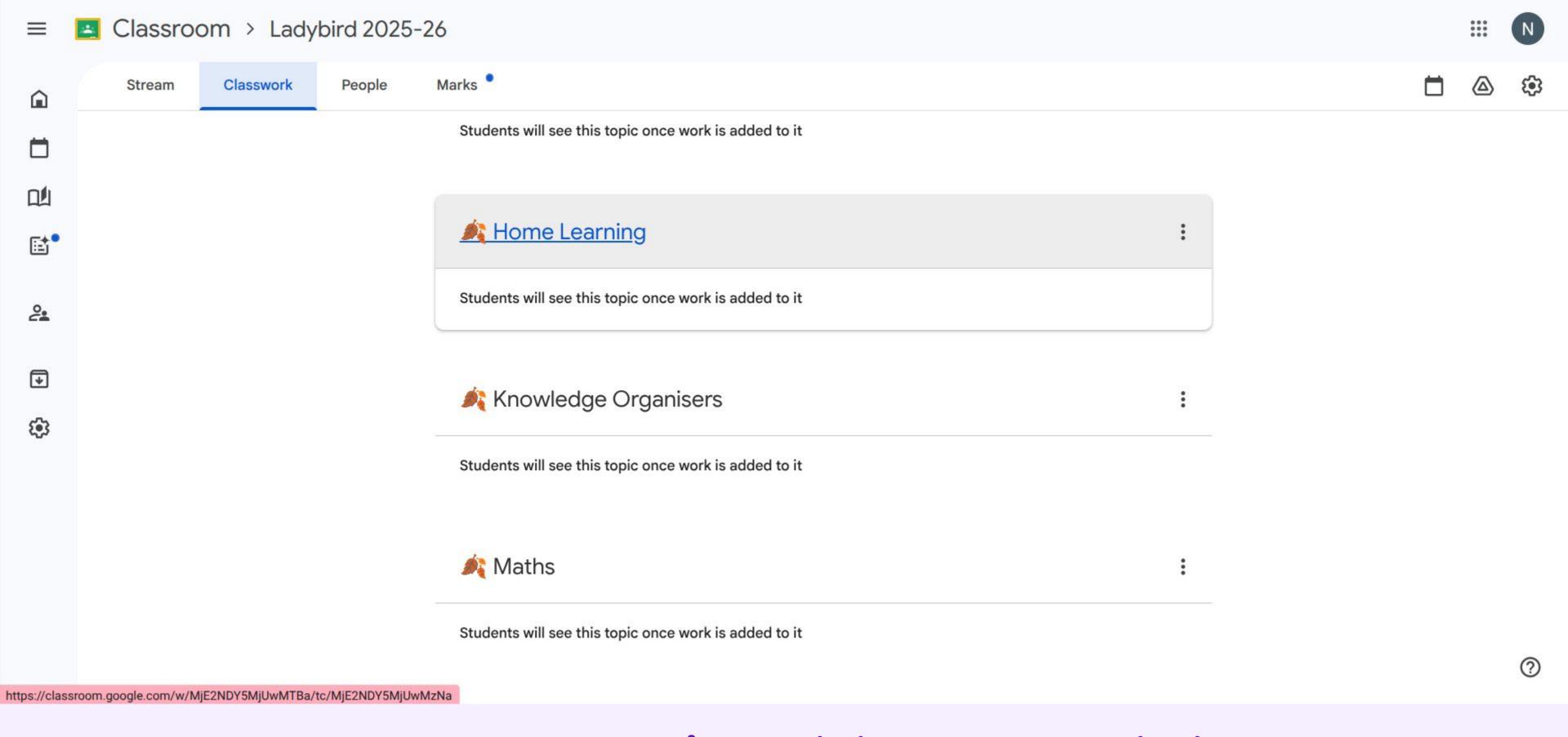
Step 3: You will see the class that your child has been assigned to. **Click** the class name.



Step 4: You will be taken to the **class stream.** This is where you will find updates from your child's class teacher and other important information. Only members of staff can leave comments on the stream.

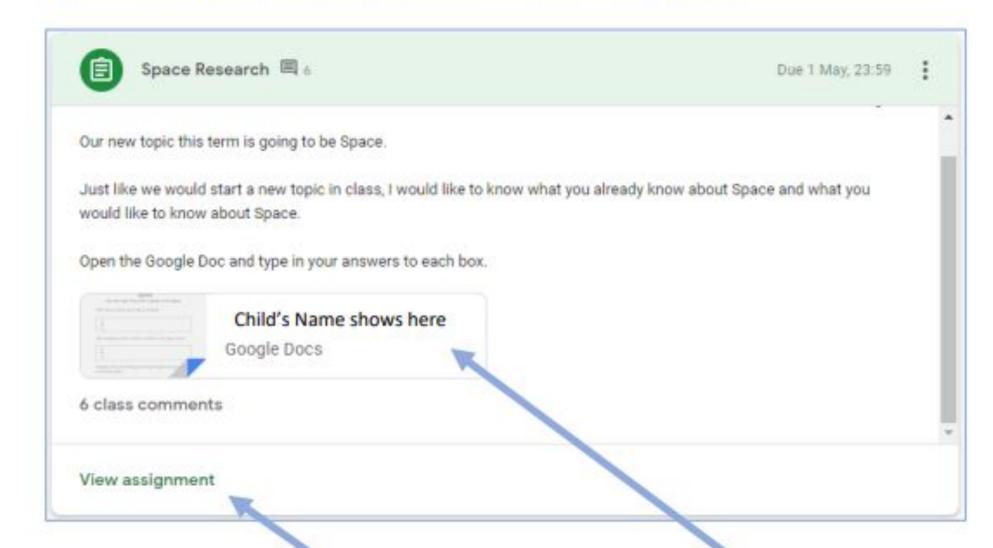


Step 5: Click on **Classwork** to see the relevant **topic** folders where work will be uploaded for your child including important links.



Step 6: Scroll down to **Home Learning**. This is where you will find the weekly timetable for home learning posted by one of the Year 1 teachers.

By clicking on the assignment title, more detail should show:

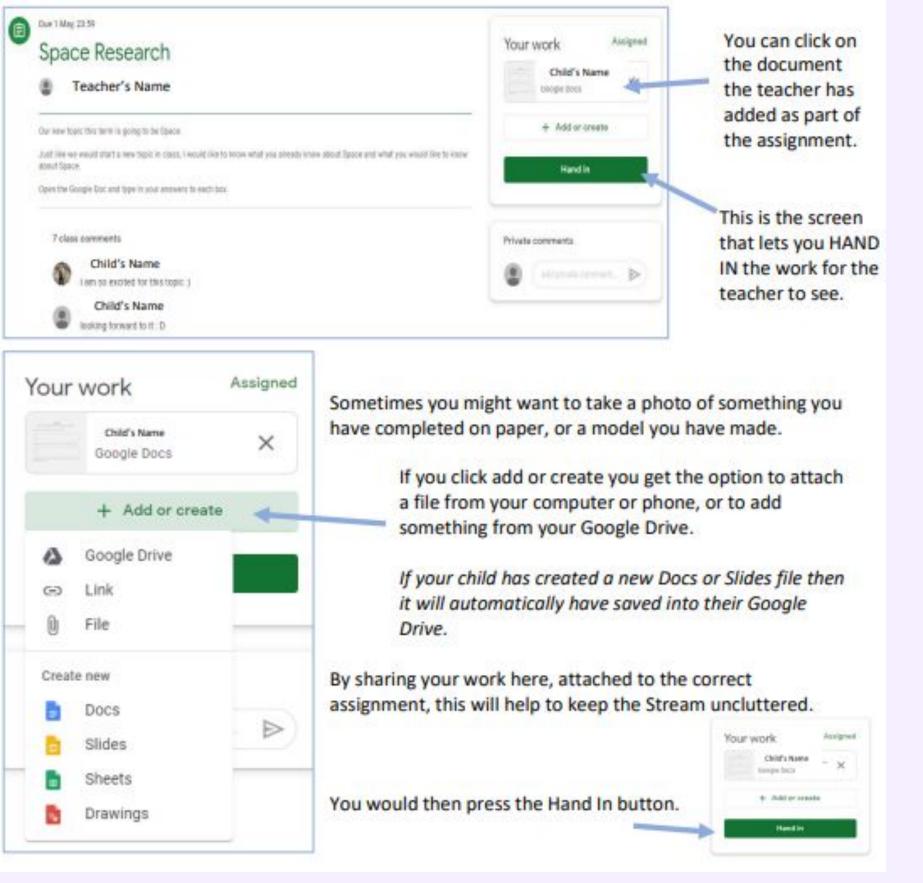


If you click on View Assignment you can see the instructions from the teacher. You can also see any comments that classmates have posted on the assignment.

You can also see if the teacher has added any documents for you.

Sometimes this may be information for you to read. Sometimes this might be a document that they want you to complete

Step 7: By clicking on the **assignment title** or **view assignment**, more detail show.



Step 8: This is the screen that lets you 'hand in' in the work for the teacher to see. You can also upload evidence if the work was completed on paper. This is optional.

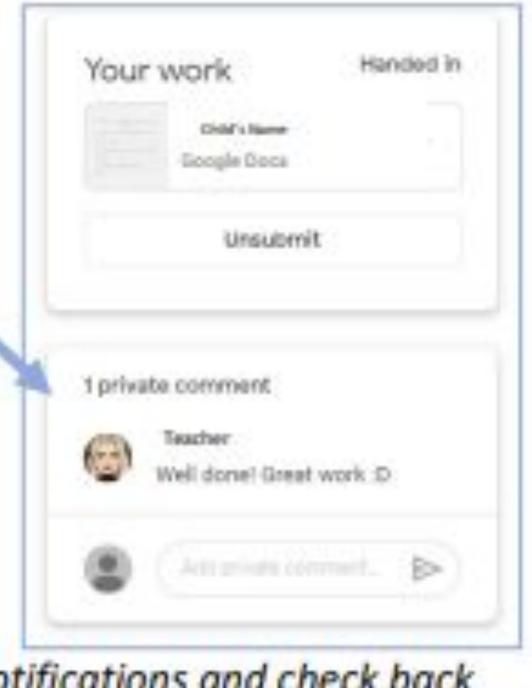
It is on this View Assignment screen that you can see any feedback that your child has received from the teacher. Make sure you go back and check the assignments.

This is also where you can add a comment to the teacher about your work.

These comments are private, so only the teacher and child can see them.

Please note, if you use the Google Classroom app on a phone or tablet, then you should automatically get notifications of when the teacher has

left a comment here. If you only use a laptop, then you will not get these notifications and check back on each assignment for feedback.



Step 9: You can leave **comments** to let your child's teacher know that you have completed the home learning. Please note that this is **not** a method of communication and is **only** monitored for home learning purposes.

Thank you!

Any questions?