Stalyhill Junior School

Update on Google Classroom and Other Useful Links

Dear All,

We hope that you are all OK and that you are keeping safe.

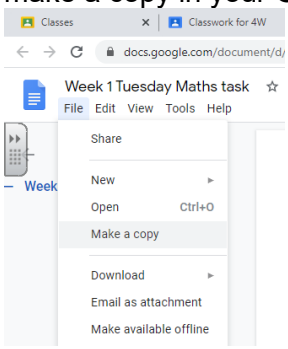
We'd like start by thanking you all for the positive comments we have had regarding online learning. The teachers have worked incredibly hard to make this possible in such a short space of time. It is good to see so many children accessing it already.

We know that for some of you there have been some gremlins. Hopefully these have been rectified but if you do have any issues you can contact your child's teacher on Google Hangouts, email admin@stalyhill-jun.tameside.sch.uk or telephone school between 8:30 and 3pm Monday to Friday.

A question we have been asked a few times is regarding access to documents for those of you who wish to work electronically. When you open a Google document that has been created by the teacher Google will not allow you to edit it. Google works collaboratively and so if one child edited the document the edits would appear on everyone's document! If you wish to have your own copy of the document to record answers on you can do this by making a copy.

How to Make a copy

1. Select file from the toolbar at the top of the screen and select 'make a copy'. This will automatically make a copy in your Google Drive.



2. A copy of the document will automatically open in another screen and you can start to make edits straight away (you do not need to close the document and reopen it). You will notice that in Google documents there are no save buttons. Google automatically saves documents to your drive and continues to save changes. When you have finished working on the document you simply close it and all changes are automatically saved.

Each Google log in has its own drive which is stored on the cloud. Any document you have created or made a copy of will be stored in your drive on the cloud.

How to retrieve a document you have made

1. To retrieve a document from your drive make sure you are logged in on Google Chrome. Click on the waffle icon at the top right hand side of the screen

Waffle Icon

2. Select the Google Drive Icon



Useful Activities and Websites.

Many of you will already have seen that kindly lots of companies are offering additional, free activities for children during this time. Here are our Top 6 (so far!)…

1. Joe Wicks – P.E lesson in your living room! The children and teachers have been joining in at school everyday too!
   https://www.thebodycoach.com/blog/pe-with-joe-1254.html

2. David Walliams - We know that lots of our children really enjoy the books David Walliams has written. He is releasing a FREE audio story every day for the next 30 days!

https://www.worldofdavidwalliams.com/elevenses/

3. Super Sentence Stacking with Jane Considine – Jane is streaming English lessons everyday and setting the children different activities. To take part you need to subscribe to 'The Training Space' on You Tube.

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCuaq74gHBALPcb1nbJ1EF2Q

4. Dr Chips – At 10am every week day Dr Chips is hosting an online science, engineering or technology activity you can join in with at home!

https://drchips.weebly.com/

5. Alan's Exciting Sentences – The pupil addition of this popular APP is free for the foreseeable future and we would definitely recommend it. Simply search in your app store for 'exciting sentences pupil edition'.
6. Audible – Audible is a website where you can download talking books. Children's books (and some adult titles) are free while schools are closed.

Let us know if you come across any other websites or APPs we can share!

Kind regards

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