Seesaw Getting Started- Parent’s Guide

What does the Seesaw Interface look like?

The 3 main areas of the Seesaw interface are the Journal, Activities and Inbox tabs.

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<th>Journal</th>
<th>The Journal is record of children’s learning over the academic year. It is also an area which children can use to share learning which has taken place outside of school.</th>
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<td>Activities</td>
<td>This is an area where teachers post new learning activities.</td>
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<td>Inbox</td>
<td>Teachers will post whole class and individual messages directly to children via the inbox tab.</td>
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How to Respond to an Activity

Step 1: Click on the green ‘Add Response’ button

Step 2: Choose a Seesaw tool to respond to the activity.

Sometimes teachers will request that children use a specific tool to complete the activity (for example the drawing tool) or provide children with a template to add answers. The tools are used to support children’s creativity.
Step 3: Use the Creative Tools to respond to the activity.

Step 4: When you are finished click on the green tick.

The work is now automatically uploaded to the teacher’s folder and awaiting a response.

What are the creative tools?

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| ![Photo](image) | The photo tool allows children to take pictures of their work. When you tap the photo tool you will be able to take a photo using your device to add directly to Seesaw. Make sure you “allow” camera access when prompted! 
You can use this tool to:  
  - Add images of children work
  - Document experiences
  - Simultaneously draw and record audio |
| ![Drawing](image) | The drawing tool allows children to create digital artwork. When you tap the drawing tool you will be shown a blank canvas on which to create your work. There are a variety of drawing, photo and labeling tools as well as a full rainbow of colors to choose from.
You can use this tool to:  
  - Simultaneously draw and record audio
  - Add a photo collage
  - Show what you know
  - Add backgrounds and shapes using the ... tool
  - Create art with expressive pens |
**The video tool** allows children to take videos. When you tap the video tool you will be prompted to "select or drop a file" or "record a video"! This means children can upload an already created video OR record one live to add to their journal.

You can use this tool to:

- record reflections
- document experiments
- create tutorials for other children
- Showcase children’s reading skills

**The Link Tool** allows you to add links. When you tap this tool you will be prompted to paste a link that you have saved to your clipboard.

**The Note tool** allows you to write and publish text notes. When you tap this tool you will be shown a lined page to type your thoughts on.

You can use this tool to:

- write a reflection
- send an assignment or prompt to students
- create journal entries

**The upload tool** allows you to add files. You can connect Google Drive to easily add files and slides directly from the drive.

You can use this tool to:

- Upload and annotate items from Google Drive
- Add files to annotate from your computer to Seesaw

For further support please refer to the Seesaw website:

[https://help.seesaw.me/hc/en-us](https://help.seesaw.me/hc/en-us)