Seesaw Parents' Guide

Logging in

Your child has a unique 16-digit code to access Seesaw. Pupils can access Seesaw through the app 'Seesaw Class' or through their web browser. Your child's class teacher can invite you to connect with your child's account through your email address, this will allow you to see their work and messages from their teacher.

Navigating through Seesaw

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

Journal	The Journal is record of children's learning. It is also an area which children can use to share learning which has taken place outside of school.
Activities	This is an area where teachers post new learning activities.
Inbox	Teachers will post whole class messages directly to children and parents/carers via the inbox tab.

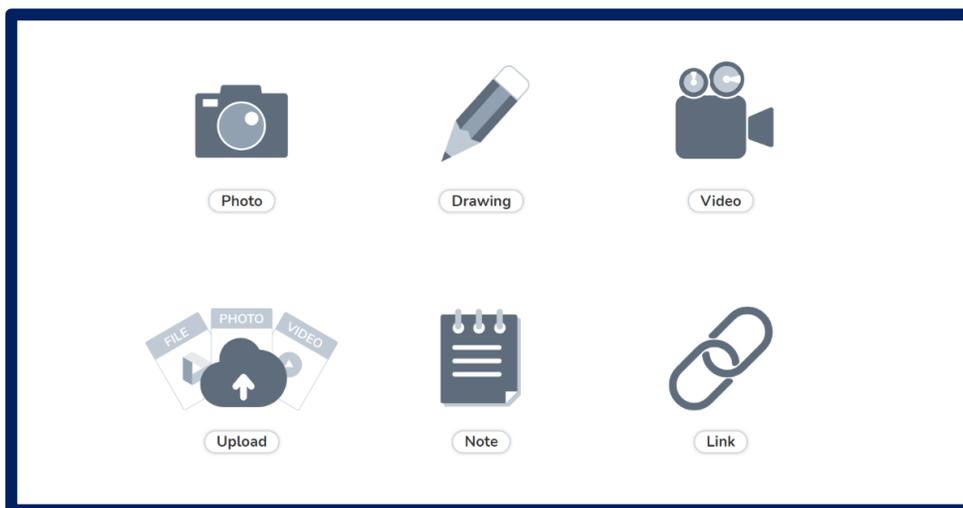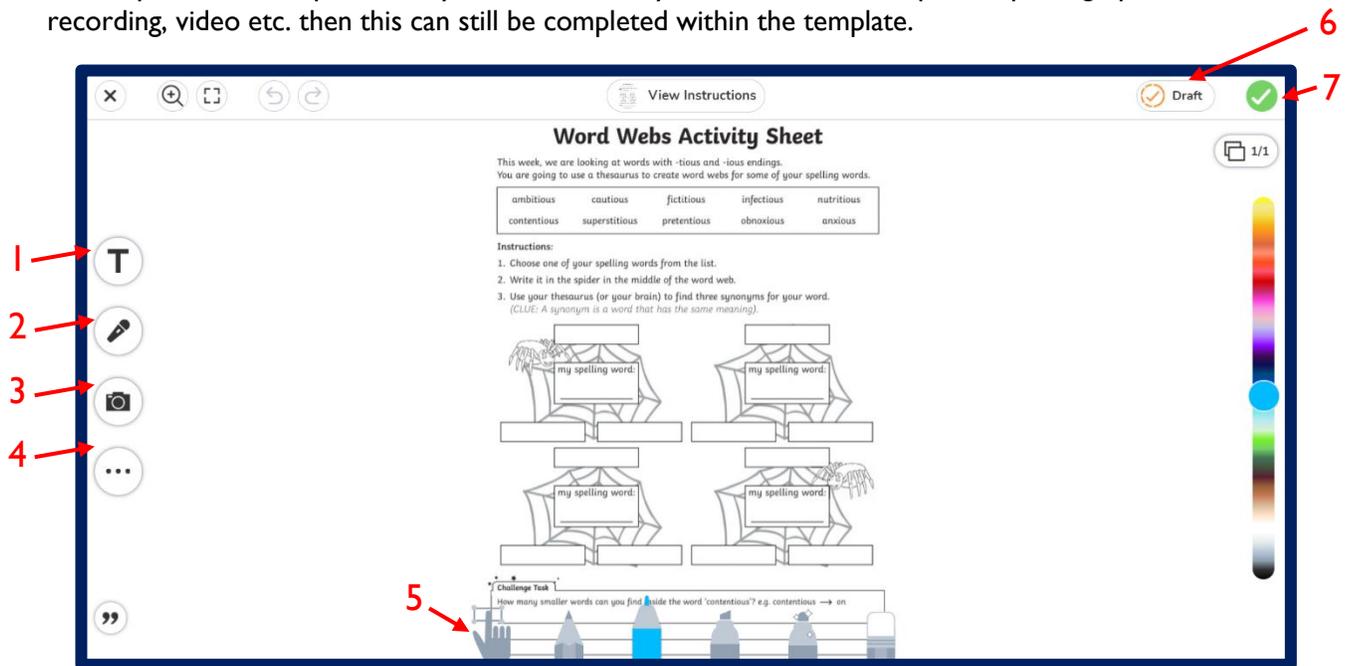## Responding to an activity

Click on 'Add response'

This may bring up a set template for your child to complete or work on.

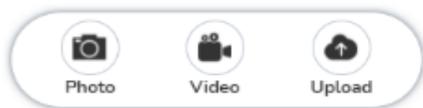At other times, your child may be able to choose how to respond, with the following options being displayed.

Tool	Description
Photo	*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.*
Drawing	*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 labelling tools as well as a full rainbow of colours to choose from.* *A breakdown of how to use the different tools can be found later in this document.*
Video	*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* • *showcase reading skills*
Link	*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.*
Note	*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.*
Upload	*The upload tool allows you to add files that have been created outside of Seesaw.*

If a template has been provided by the teacher and your child wishes to upload a photograph, audio recording, video etc. then this can still be completed within the template.

1. Add text to the page by clicking on the 'T'. You can change the colour of the text by using the tool on the right on the page.

2. Audio recordings can be added by clicking on the microphone symbol.

3. The photo tool will provide three options. The first is a live photograph, the second is a video and the third allows you to select a photo or video that is already saved on your device. Once a photo or video has been uploaded, this can be resized on the page.

4. The three dots will allow you to insert a shape, change the colour of the background and insert a link.

5. At the bottom of the screen, you can select different pen tools to annotate directly over the work.

6. By selecting 'draft' the work can be saved for later, allowing you to return and begin editing exactly where the work was left.

7. The green tick submits the work to your child's teacher.