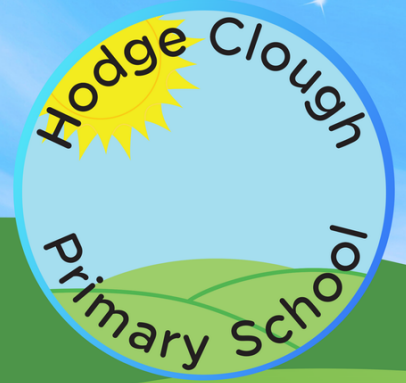


# YEAR 4 NEWSLETTER



## WELCOME

### Welcome back and Happy New Year!

We hope you all had a magical Christmas break and enjoyed some special time together as a family. This half term we have lots of exciting learning planned across the curriculum, and we're really looking forward to another busy and positive term together. Thank you, as always, for your continued support – it really does make a difference.

### Contacting us

The messaging facility on Class Dojo is no longer in use, but if you need to contact a member of the Year 4 Team, please do not hesitate to send us an email to [info@hodgecloughprimary.oldham.sch.uk](mailto:info@hodgecloughprimary.oldham.sch.uk) and in the subject box type FAO Year 4AM or Year 4JR. Please note that although we will endeavour to get back to you as soon as possible, it may take up to three working days to reply. Please note that any notification of sickness / absence should only go through the School Office. Thank you.

## THINGS TO REMEMBER

### Daily

- Water bottles and book bags.
- A healthy snack can be provided if you wish (please refer to our healthy eating policy).
- Please ensure reading books and diaries are in school every day for additional reading

### Monday

- Children are tested on 6 of their weekly spellings

### Friday

- Children will need to come to school dressed in their PE kits on a Friday. If it is cold outside, they are to wear black or navy tracksuit bottoms and tops. No branded items please.
- Return finished reading books and signed reading diary. New books will then be given out. Children should be reading every day and diaries signed at least 3 times per week.



## ClassDojo

The children are now working towards Dojo Achievements. Their bronze achievement is 100 Dojo points and silver is 170 Dojos! When your child has reached this level they will receive a certificate to show how proud we are of them!

# CURRICULUM

## WHY ARE RAINFOREST IMPORTANT TO US?

This half term, we'll be diving into the wonders of the Amazon rainforest and our local woodlands. From exploring the layers of the rainforest and the incredible creatures that live there, to understanding the importance of these ecosystems and the challenges they face, students will gain a deeper appreciation for our planet's natural world. We'll also investigate how local woodlands are used, through hands-on data collection and analysis. It's going to be a term full of exploration and discovery!



In Writing, the children will be basing their writing around Arthur and the Golden Rope by Joe Todd Stanton. Their fiction unit will be writing their own myth and their non-fiction unit will be writing an information guide.



This half term we are reading Land of Roar by Jenny McLachlan.



In Maths this half term we are concentrating on multiplication and division and length and perimeter.

In Science, we will be learning all about states of matter (solids, liquids and gases). The children will be looking at how materials change state, carrying out their own investigations and learning all about the water cycle.

In Art, we will be learning all about light and dark in our painting and mixed media topic.

## MTC

We are getting closer to the Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) - a national online assessment designed to see how well children know their times tables up to  $12 \times 12$ . To help them feel confident and prepared, it's really important for your child to have regular practice at home on Times Table Rockstars, especially using the Garage game, as it's tailored to your child's level. Just a few minutes a day can make a big difference!

## DIARY DATES

- 13.01.25 - School council visit to Mayor's office
- 16.02.25 - Half term