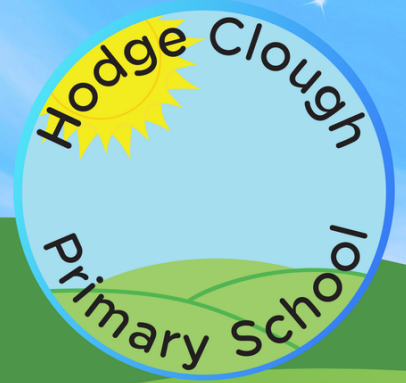


YEAR 4 NEWSLETTER



WELCOME

Welcome back- Spring is Coming!

We hope you all had a wonderful half term break and enjoyed some well-deserved time together as a family. As we begin this busy half term leading up to Easter, we have lots of exciting learning opportunities planned across the curriculum, and we're looking forward to seeing the children continue to grow in confidence and independence.

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 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
- PE Kits for cricket, 3 weeks only! (Last date 9th March)

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.



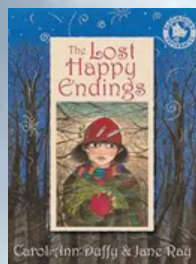
ClassDojo

The children are now working towards Dojo Achievements. Their silver achievement is 150 Dojo points and gold is 250 Dojos! When your child has reached this level they will receive a certificate to show how proud we are of them!

CURRICULUM

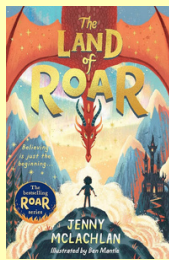
HOW DID THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE ANCIENT MAYA IMPACT THEIR SOCIETY AND BEYOND?

This half term, we'll be stepping back in time to explore the fascinating Ancient Maya civilisation. We'll sequence key periods in Maya history and discover what was happening in Britain at the same time. Pupils will learn how the Maya settled in the rainforest, explore their beliefs, and investigate the features of their impressive cities, using evidence to make thoughtful deductions. We'll also consider the reasons for the decline of the civilisation and understand how archaeologists and historians help us uncover the past. It's set to be a term full of curiosity and discovery!



In Writing, the children will be drawing inspiration from *The Lost Happy Endings* by Carol Ann Duffy. They will begin by crafting an exciting twisted-tale narrative, before moving on to write a persuasive letter to the wicked witch from Jub, using powerful language and convincing arguments to try and win back the happy endings!

We will continue to read the *Land of Roar* by Jenny McLachlan, as our class text.



In Maths this half term we are concentrating on length and perimeter and then fractions and decimals.

In Science, we will be finishing off our states of matter unit (solids, liquids and gases) and then moving on to electricity where we will be constructing a simple series circuit.

In Spanish, we will be learning all about family vocabulary, developing our confidence in speaking and listening through engaging activities and practical conversation practice.



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 12×12 . 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

- 04.3.26 - SEND Coffee Morning
- 05.3.26 - World Book Day Activities
- Wk beg - 9.3.26 Assessment work
- 10.3.26 - Mother's Day stall
- 17.3.26 - Science Share with Parents
- Wk beg - 23.3.26 Easter Activity Fun Day
- 27.3.26 - Easter Bonnet Parade