



Melling Primary School

Strong Start to YR



'BE THE BEST YOU CAN BE... BE PROUD.'



THE MELLING WAY

BE THE BEST THAT YOU CAN BE... BE PROUD.

Melling Values

- Right to be heard (responsibility to listen)
- Careful reference of all views at all times
- Give to more important than receiving
- Kindness, care and kindness
- Helping others
- Can do but can't do
- High standards of learning
- High standards of behaviour
- Everyone has a role to play in the school environment
- Everyone has a role to play in the school environment

The Melling Learner

1. Knowledge seeker knowledge learner
2. Curious about the world around them
3. Literate Numerate Digital
4. Reflective & Imaginative thinker
5. Motivated to learn & resilient when challenged
6. Respectful & caring
7. A communicator & collaborator

Our Safe School Promise

Melling Primary is our school and we want it to be a safe and happy place! The adults in Melling will do everything they can to make sure you are protected. To help them do this, they have lots of rules to follow. This pledge helps you understand what safeguarding and keeping safe means to you and to help you decide what could be a 'problem' and who you should talk to.

The adults in school think that safeguarding means that they should:

- Protect you from harm in school and outside of school
- Make sure nothing stops you being healthy or developing properly
- Make sure you are safely looked after
- Make sure you have the best chance to be the best that you can be.

7 steps to well-being

1. Exercise
2. Healthy Eating
3. Talk it Through
4. Do good deeds for others
5. Think positive thoughts
6. Resilience
7. Relax your Mind

SPEAK OUT • BE SAFE

Be Respectful • Be Safe • Be Kind • Be Ready

Here is all the information you need to know to ensure your child's start to the new school year is successful.

We are looking forward to welcoming our new YR class to Melling Primary School.

Start 8:55

Break 10:15

Lunch 12:00

Finish 3:05



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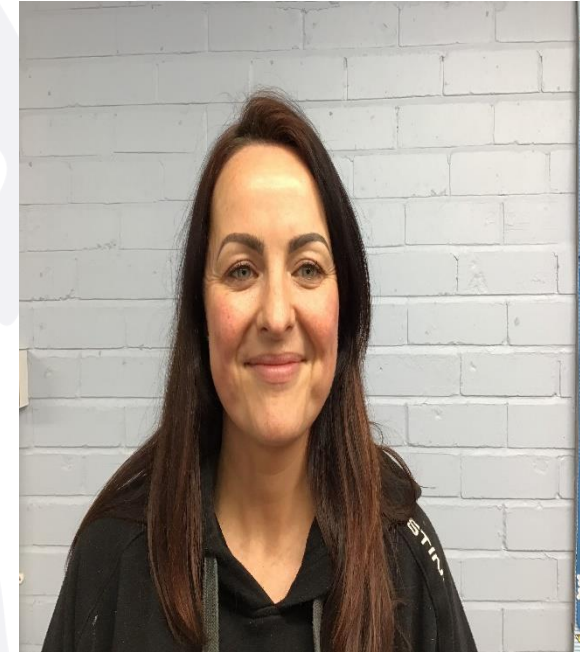
Staff in YR



Mrs Hargreaves
EYFS Lead/ Teacher



Mrs Madden
YR TA



Miss McGurk
YR TA

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Read, Write, Inc Phonics



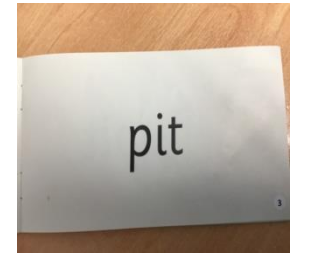
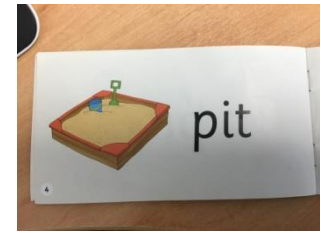
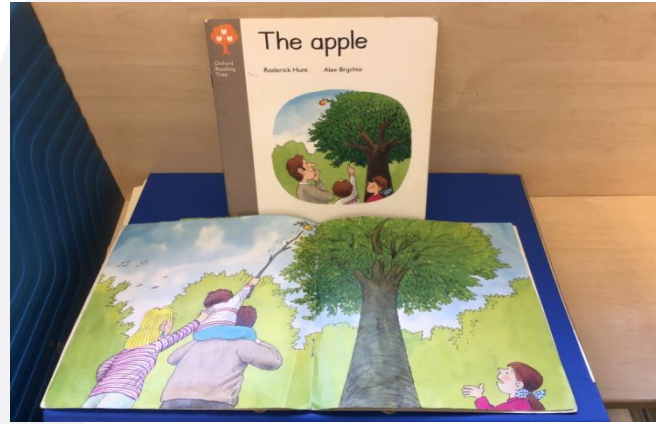
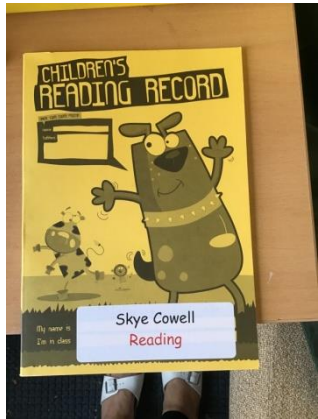
This is Fred. He helps us learn our new sounds and shows us how to read and spell words using Fred Talk (sounding out) and Fred Fingers (segmenting words). If you go on our school website (class pages) there are lots of examples of RWI sessions and how we say each of the sounds.

Every YR child will be set phonics homework/ practise each week. This will consist of portal videos of the speed sound sessions taught in class for you to practise with your child at home.





Reading Books



Once your child is ready they will be put on the school reading scheme. Children will bring home discussion books first to understand the importance of using the pictures to retell a story. They will then bring home sound blending books where they need to blend sounds to read simple words. Finally they will read books with words they are able to sound out and some tricky, high frequency words. (3 read approach)

Please hear your child read every night and sign the book so we know they have read. Please send to school every day. Please read a bedtime story in addition to class reading books. Children get rewards for reading at home. We expect a minimum of 3 reads per week.



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Maths in YR



Number 4 was our number of the week.



We found and made lots of things that represented 4.



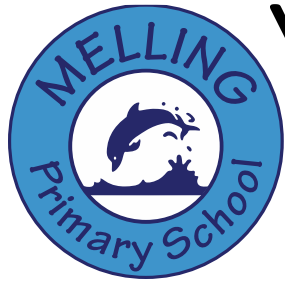
YR follow the early maths fluency programme, NCETM maths and White Rose maths. We watch Number Blocks and understand where our number of the week comes within the number system. When learning about number 4 for example we would look at:

- Where number 4 belongs on the number line
- What is 1 more and 1 less than 4
- How to make 4p using different coins
- Different ways we can make 4 e.g $3+1$ or $2+2$ or 4 lots of 1
- Who is fourth in the line
- What number 4s can look like
- Shapes with 4 sides.
- 4 o'clock and what happens at this time..... and much much more!!

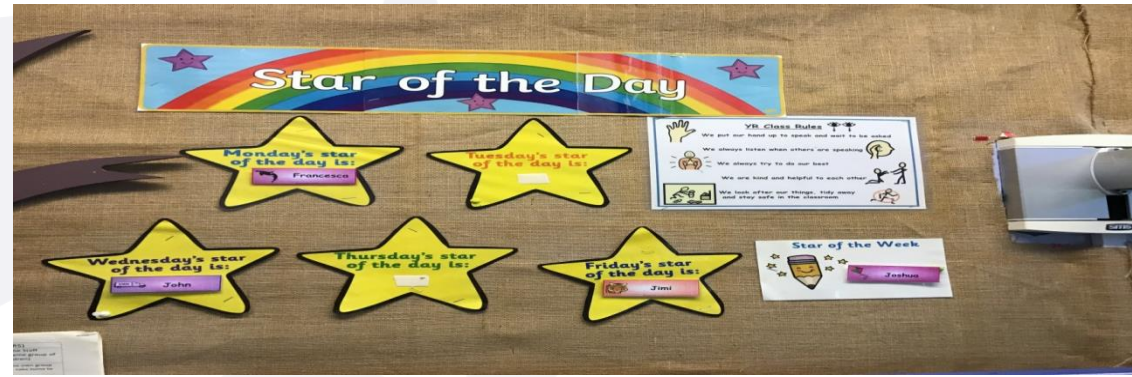
Counting songs and rhymes, board games and subitising are all excellent ways to help your child at home with maths.

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YR Rewards



Children in YR are rewarded daily with positive **praise** and encouragement and are supported to always be the best that they can be. They will receive **stickers** for doing their best and will get a coloured token for their coloured team. They may also be rewarded in the following ways:

- Star of the day/ Star of the Week.** Two children are chosen every day to be Star of the Day and one child will be chosen on a Friday to be Star of the Week. They will come home with a star of the day/week sticker and will get a treat from the treat tin in class. Children who get Star of the Week will bring Stanley the sloth home for the weekend. Please take some photos and sent them to the YR class email to show what Scruffy has done over the weekend with your child.

- Star Cards/Gold Stars.** Children will get gold stars when they consistently demonstrate our school values of Melling Manners, Friendship care and kindness, high standards of learning, high standards of behaviour, can do not can't do and giving is more important than receiving. When children have 10 stars on their card they receive a golden text and a badge in our caps assembly to put on their school cap (these are kept in school).

- Name in Lights.** Children will get their name displayed on their class 'Name in Lights' display for demonstrating our behaviour values of 'Be Ready', 'Be Respectful', 'Be Safe', 'Be Kind'.

- Roar.** Roar is our class lion who is awarded to a child every Friday for showing resilience. Roar will come home with your child for the weekend. Please send photos to the YR email of your child showing resilience at home.

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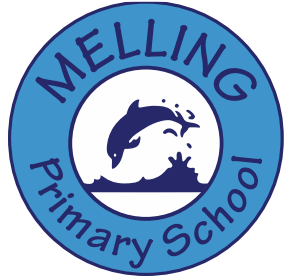




CUPS

- **Courtesy Cup/ Cullen Cup/ Apter Cup/Gem of a Reader/Sports Award.** Every few weeks one child from YR will be chosen to receive one of our school cups. The Courtesy Cup is for lovely manners and being respectful, the Cullen Cup is for hard work and the Apter Cup is for being a good friend and never giving up. The Gem of a reader is for children who show a love for reading and the sports award is for excelling in PE. Your child will be presented with the cup in assembly (the cup stays in class) and will bring a school medal home (to keep). We will inform you when your child is receiving a cup so you can come to the assembly (Friday 2.30pm). Please keep this a secret as we like it to be a surprise for the children.

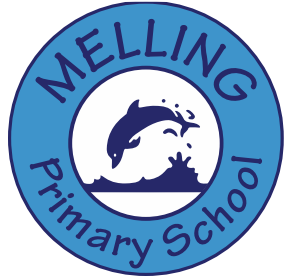
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Homework in YR

- **Home Learning Challenges.** Topic based and practical activities will be put in homework books when needed eg going on a woodland walk, making a family tree, learning about the seasons etc.
- **Oxford Owl Reading and phonics.** Books will be set for you to read at home and phonics videos will also be sent to help practise sounds learnt in class.
- **Numbots.** Children will get a Times Tables Rockstars/ Numbots login. This is an online platform to support children in developing their numeracy skills.





Start and end of the day

- Please bring children onto the playground before school and encourage them to walk in by themselves (with all of their own bags)
- After school: staff will call your child's name and you need to come forward and collect them from the YR door. If you need to speak to staff, please wait on the edge of the field or back on the playground until all children have been seen out safely. Staff will then be able to see you.
- Thank you for your patience with this. Hopefully, it will speed up once we all get used to it.





YR Reminders

- The YR **class email** is yr.melling@schools.sefton.gov.uk You can leave messages for YR staff but the emails may not be replied to immediately. The YR email will be checked before and after school.
- **Class web page.** Please keep checking the YR class page for letters, updates and photos.
- **Names in clothes** and on anything the child brings to school eg **water bottle, shoes.**
- **Wellies and waterproofs.** Please ensure you have sent waterproofs and wellies to school with your child as they will need these for messy, outdoor activities and forest school sessions. Forest School will be £6 per half term to cover the cost of snacks and resources.
- **PE bags.** Children need a PE bag to keep their waterproof clothes in. They will do PE in their YR uniform (joggers or shorts).
- Please put sun cream on your children before school if the weather is hot and send caps to school. (hats, gloves and scarves in winter please)





Reminder: Home-School Agreement

Agreement for Pupils



To help me do well at School, I will do my best to:

- come to school every day and be on time (not bringing toys or other unnecessary items into school unless requested)
- work hard and listen carefully to instructions (have a go at all tasks, If you find it hard, that's good because you are learning)
- keep to the school rules and behave well at all times – following the school's core values. Our school rules are: BE READY, BE SAFE, BE RESPECTFUL, BE KIND.
- Treat everyone with respect - think: 'would I like to be treated this way' - use the THINK guidelines
- ask the teacher or someone at home if I find my work hard
- be courteous and helpful to other children and adults
- do my homework and bring it back to school. Read at least 3 times a week at home
- wear the school uniform and follow the dress code
- take good care of the school environment and resources provided
- show commitment to our school's core values

If I am unhappy or need a dvice, I will talk to my teacher or any member of the school staff.

Agreement for Parents / Carers



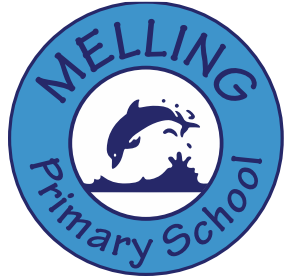
To help my child at School, I/we will do my/our best to:

- Support and promote the school's core values
- make sure my child arrives at school punctually every day and is collected on time
- telephone the school to notify them of my child's absence if they are ill by 9am
- encourage my child to work hard and do all the homework tasks
- deal with any complaints or issues respectfully and responsibly e.g. Not using social media to air complaints or grievances about the school, staff, other parents or children.
- listen to my child read in line with the teachers' requirements at least 3 times a week, ideally daily—ensure that their reading book is brought to school as required
- support the school in maintaining good behaviour and respect for others
- attend parent–teacher meetings and discussions about my child's progress in school
- ensure my child wears the school uniform, follows the dress code, including PE kit on PE days and has any necessary equipment (e.g. PE kit / swimwear)
- let the school know if there are any issues that may affect my child's ability to learn
- Read the website/messages/emails/newsletters sent home to keep up to date
- Sign up to 'ourschoolsapp'
- ensure that any dinner monies and other fees due are paid promptly
- ensure that my child is properly supervised when using the internet from home
- Inform school immediately of changes in contact details

Signed Parent / Carer:.....

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Please see the class page for the following documents detailing information on the curriculum:

IMPORTANT INFORMATION



YR newsletterSummer 2025web.pdf



YR newsletterSpring 2025.pdf



YR AUT 2024 newsletter.pdf



FOREST SNACKS AND CRAFTS.docx



YR Curriculum Map 2024.pdf



YR Parent Information pp.pptx



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Trips & residentials in YR

Autumn Term:

- Blackpool Zoo

Spring Term:

- Farmer Teds

Summer Term:

- TBC

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P.E. days - Tuesday and Wednesday

Children should come to school dressed in their P.E. kit on P.E days.

SCHOOL PE KITS FOR ALL CHILDREN – TO BE WORN ON PE DAYS			
PE - ALL CHILDREN <u>PE kits must be worn on the day that your child has PE or swimming.</u>	Pale blue t-shirt with logo. Jogging suit (as those worn in YR) – navy blue jogging bottoms (NOT LEGGINGS) and navy blue sweatshirt with logo/badge on	Navy shorts. Navy joggers (not leggings)	Pair of all black pumps or plain trainers for outdoor activities.

If your child is attending an after school sports club, they are permitted to wear their P.E. kit on that day also.

Alternatively, they can bring a kit to get changed into after school.




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Reminder: Uniform

In order to foster an identity and sense of belonging children are required to wear school uniform at Melling Primary School. The reception uniform is designed to be practical and comfortable.

	BADGED UNIFORM (Melling school logo) 	PLAIN UNIFORM	FOOTWEAR
ALL RECEPTION CHILDREN	Pale blue polo shirt Navy sweatshirt or cardigan <i>Available from Kids Kirkby</i>	Plain navy jogging pants with elasticated ankles. Grey or navy socks. <i>Widely available.</i>	Black trainers throughout the year.
SUMMER TERM/ FIRST HALF AUTUMN TERM		Plain NAVY shorts (not grey) may be worn as an alternative to jogging pants. <i>Widely available.</i> Blue check dresses may be worn as an alternative to jogging pants. White socks may be worn with summer dresses. <i>Widely available.</i>	Pumps (velcro or elasticated) may be worn with summer dresses (SHOES SHOULD NOT BE WORN AS THESE ARE INAPPROPRIATE FOR THE OUTDOOR AREA)
ALL RECEPTION CHILDREN - OUTDOOR		Waterproofs – all-in-one or two-piece.	Wellington boots
ALL RECEPTION CHILDREN - PE	<u>(If summer dresses are worn, a pale blue polo shirt or pale blue t-shirt and plain navy shorts must be kept in school for PE.)</u>		Black elasticated or Velcro fastening pumps to be kept in school for PE.
BADGED PE BAGS, INFANT BOOK BAGS AND TRIP BACKPACKS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE			
PLEASE ENSURE THAT <u>ALL</u> ITEMS, INCLUDING TRAINERS, PUMPS AND SOCKS, ARE <u>CLEARLY NAMED.</u>			



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Reminder: Health and Safety

Children are encouraged to bring a bottle of still water to school to keep them hydrated throughout the day. Children must take their bottles home each day so that they can be washed, refilled and remain clean and fresh.

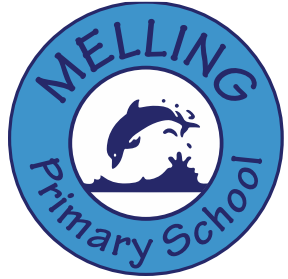
Snacks for playtime should be healthy choices. Sweets and chewing gum are not permitted.

Children are encouraged to continue to practise good toilet and hand hygiene. Please reinforce the importance of this with your child.

Bags must be the size of a book bag or smaller. No large bags/rucksacks as they are a tripping hazard; cloakrooms and corridors lead to fire exits; there is no space to accommodate large items in these spaces.



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Reminder: Health and Safety

Children are not permitted to:

- wear jewellery other than small stud earrings
- wear nail varnish, false nails, tattoos or make up
- wear smartwatches, or watches with games on
- bring toys or other personal belongings
- Hair – shoulder length (boys and girls) must be tied back

Please make sure that your child's clothing, lunch box and water bottle are clearly labelled with their name. This facilitates returning lost items.



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Reminder: Communication

Absence must be reported to the office on or before the day of absence. Please leave a message on the answering machine. This will be received and noted.

Urgent information, questions or complaints should be communicated to the office.

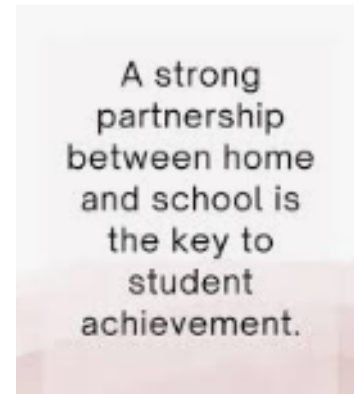
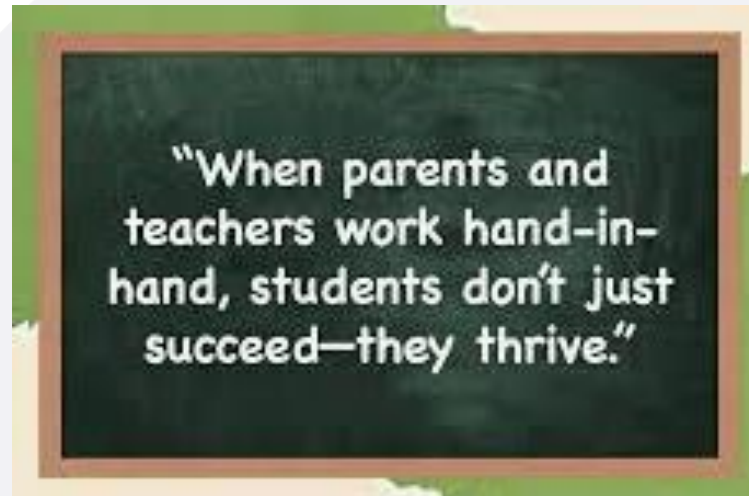
Share information or news with us at yr.melling@schools.sefton.gov.uk Please remember that this may not be picked up straight away. Replies will only be sent between the hours of 8am and 6pm. You will be contacted by telephone should there be a concern regarding your child.

Check the class webpage, website and app regularly as these are our main sources of communication with you.

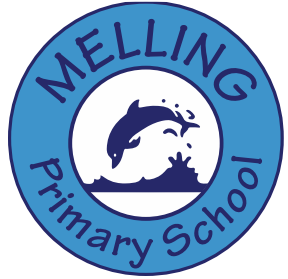
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THANK YOU FOR SUPPORT

We are really looking forward to working with you all to ensure your children can 'Be the best that they can be...be proud'



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