



MELLING PRIMARY SCHOOL



YR Newsletter - Spring Term 2025

Thank you

Firstly, we would like to say a big thank you for all your help and support last term. We are sure you enjoyed our wonderful Christmas Nativity that the children worked so hard to produce. Also, a big thank you for all the generous gifts you sent in at Christmas for the staff. We were very touched!

This term we will be working hard on a variety of new and exciting topics:

Literacy/Phonics

We are continuing our Read, Write, Inc phonics activities and learning how to say individual phonemes and special friends. We will also be practising blending and segmenting words with up to 3 sounds, using Fred Talk and Fred Fingers. Please try to spend some time each week watching the portal videos on the phonics page of the website. The children are also learning how to form all their letters correctly and are beginning to write words and simple sentences. Letter formation sheets may be sent home for homework. Please ensure these are formed correctly, using the mnemonic at the bottom of the sheet.

Numeracy

As you may be aware YR mathematics is practically based and learnt through rhymes, counting games and number-based activities. Board games are a brilliant way to learn maths so finding time to play such games will be very beneficial for your child. The children follow NCETM and White Rose maths and activities can also be found on Education City. We are currently working with numbers 0-10 so could you please reinforce these numbers and use them whenever possible, e.g. counting the stairs up to bed and counting backwards coming down etc. We will be continuing with our number of the week and will complete lots of different activities linked to this number. Watching Number blocks is also a great way to help your child in mathematics.

Topic

The topics for YR this term include 'Chinese New Year', 'Traditional Tales', 'Seasons', 'Insects and Invertebrates', outdoor adventures, 'Naughty Bus', 'Our own and our family history, Belonging and any other topics of interest to the children. We will also be getting our very own duck eggs to hatch! Our role play areas will be a hairdressers, a Chinese restaurant and a duck house.

Throughout the whole term we will be reading a wide variety of stories and non-fiction books and completing activities linked to these.

Reading books

All children in YR will now read three times a week. Girls will read every Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and boys will read every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Books are required in school on these days. **Please ensure you sign or initial the reading record book** so we know your child has read at home. It is important for your child to read as often as possible and it would be helpful if you could discuss or predict what might happen next and your child's favourite parts of the story

etc. Please read a range of other books at home with your child and if possible visit a local library to share books linked to our class topics.

School Trip

It is proposed to take YR to Farmer Ted's this term to help extend our understanding of the world.

Homework

Homework will be set every Monday and needs to be returned the following Monday. This will consist of literacy/phonics, numeracy and/or topic work. We will be having a big focus on communication and language this half term so will often send home 'talk' activities for you to do with your child.

PE

The children in YR will do PE every Friday. Please ensure they come to school ready for PE on this days. Thanks!

Forest School

The children will go to Forest School every Tuesday afternoon,. They need to wear their PE Kit/ joggers to school and ensure they have their wellies and waterproofs with them.

Jewellery/hair

Please remember that children should not wear jewellery to school, except small stud earrings. This is for health and safety reasons. Also, no nail varnish or tattoos please. Please ensure hair bobbles and hair bands are in the school colours.

Celebrations

I would like to say a big well done to all the children for the hard work they put in last term. The children have settled into the class very well and I am very pleased with the improvement in all areas of the EYFS curriculum. A big well done to Mollie H for winning the courtesy cup last term, to Harper and Ibaad for winning the Cullen cup and to Felicity and Nova for winning the Apter Cup. A huge well done also to Sophia and Arabella for winning the book worm award and to Bobby for winning the sports award. Also, well done to all the children who have already achieved star of the day, star of the week or Roar the lion (resilience). Scruffy and Roar have had some fantastic weekends and are looking forward to more this term.

Reminders/News

The children in YR get free fruit each day but if you wish to send your child healthy snacks for throughout the day please do so. A water bottle is also needed, clearly labelled with your child's name.

Please do not let your child bring toys into school, unless they are linked to our class topics or have been requested by a member of staff.

Please remember to label **ALL** of your child's uniform with his/her name.

Parent/teacher discussions

There will be an opportunity for you to discuss your child's progress later on this term at our parent/teacher meetings. However, if you have any queries or concerns before then, please do not hesitate to come and see me before or after school.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Mrs J. Hargreaves and the YR team.

