



Grasmere Primary School

Class Information for Parents / Carers

Date: January 2026 Teacher: Kashmir Class: Reception

A message from your child's teacher: We are excited to begin a new term of learning, exploring, and growing together. Please continue to read regularly with your child at home, sharing and enjoying stories together. This term we will be giving out homework challenges which connect to the work we will be doing at school. This will be a chance to work on some creative projects at home and support the topic work we will be doing at school. We look forward to a fantastic term ahead!

English— This term we will be looking at traditional tales such as Goldilocks and the Three Bears and The Three Little Pigs. Each week we will be looking at a different story. Although these are quite simple stories that some children are already familiar with, they allow the children to build up their story sequencing skills and comprehension skills. We will be working on forming a sentence orally this term and with support beginning to apply it to paper.

You can help your child at home by: Sharing some traditional stories together, you might have some special stories that have been handed down through your culture or childhood that you could share with your child. Work on retelling a story or making up your own traditional stories that start with "Once upon a time..." and end with "they lived happily ever after".

Maths – Children will build on their understanding of number by exploring the number 6,7,8. By using a range of games and practical hands-on equipment children will build on their ability to recognise and make groups of these numbers. They will also use a range of resources to show 1 more and 1 less than a number. They will also explore the concepts of doubling and combining numbers. Children will also develop their vocabulary around the concepts of length, height and time.

You can help your child at home by: Using a range of objects and toys to show groups representing these numbers. Ask your child to make a group of 6 and then ask them to add 1 more or take away 1 so there is one less. Ask your child to compare the length or height of their teddies, what words can we use to describe them.

Topic— We will be looking at Traditional Tales this term. We will be discussing how these are passed on from one generation to another. How different cultures and countries have different stories. As part of our Science and Knowledge and understanding of the World work, we will explore materials and their properties. Looking at the materials the Three Little Pigs used to make their houses. In Spring 2 our topic is Animals. This is very popular with the children, and we will look at the different habitats of animals. This term will also include our creativity week across the whole of the Federation which is a chance for the children to learn about an artist and recreate their work using a variety of materials.

You can help your child at home by: Share and discuss books that link with our topics at school. Encourage your child to share what they have learnt and discuss connections in their learning between home and school. Go on a nature walk together to discuss the animals and habitats we find in our local area.

PE

It is very important that all children have a complete change of clothes for PE, for safety and hygiene including trainers or plimsolls. Please provide your child with a hair band if they long hair and ensure they do not wear any jewellery. **Your child has PE on a Monday and Gymnastics on a Wednesday. Forest School (Outdoor Learning) will be on Thursday**, please ensure your child is wearing suitable outdoor clothing for all weathers on this day.

School starts promptly at 9.00am and ends at 3.30pm.
Please inform the school if your child is sick.