

Grasmere Primary School
Half Term Parent Information
Reception
Spring Term 2
22/2/24



Dear Parents/Carers,

It is lovely to get a hint of sunshine and feel the days beginning to get longer. The children are making great progress and they are happy and settled at school.

Topic work

Our topic this half term is **Growing and Life cycles**. We begin this topic by looking at different parts of plants and learning about what plants need to grow. We hope to do some planting during this time. We will be looking at the plant beds the school already has and how we can help take care of or improve them. We will then look at the life cycles of frogs and butterflies. We are sensitive with the topic of life cycles as it can raise concerns about what happens at the end of a life cycle. Please see one of the members of staff in the team if you think your child might be affected by this discussion or if we should be aware of any concerns you have.

Reading in Reception class

In Reception class reading happens throughout the week in lots of different ways. We read within our phonics groups, targeting specific reading skills. We also allow children to independently enjoy stories by selecting themselves from the book corner during free time. We select specific books to share at story time so we can develop skills around prediction in stories as well as key messages or themes in specific books. We are also working on reading with individual children on a Friday.

Important class dates –

Class Assembly – Tuesday 12th March 9.10 am– this will give you an overview of what the children have been learning in school.

Class Trip – We are hoping to visit The Garden Classroom (date tbc) to learn about what they are growing. Due to the wet weather, the organisation have rescheduled our visit but we hope to get there at some point in March.

We are also looking to book a small trip out to explore Butterfield Green and the plants that grow in the area around us. This will be a very small trip to establish with children the expectations when going on school trips this will be in preparation for future trips. More details will be provided about trips nearer the time in a specific letter.

Kind Regards

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