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**Spring Weather**

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Right up to the end of May or into June spring nights can be frosty and cold. Days can be sunny and warm.

**Calves are Born**

When it is spring many animals and birds have their babies. They need to have their young when there is lots of food available and when the longer days mean that they have longer to find food for their young.

The warmer days and regular rainfall during spring means plants such as grass grow well. The lush, young grass in the fields mean the cow is well fed and can produce lots of milk for her calf.

**Why do Plants Begin to Grow in Spring?**

Plants need water, light, warmth and soil or compost to grow. During spring they get the conditions they need to begin to grow. The showery weather gives them the water they need. The longer days mean they have more daylight and warmth from the Sun which raises the temperature of both air and soil.

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