



Seasonal changes

Year 1/2

Spring Term 1



The four seasons

Autumn



Leaves change colour and fall. Harvest time is in autumn.

Winter



The coldest time of the year. Some animals hibernate.

Spring



Flowers begin to grow. Some baby animals are born.

Summer



The hottest time of the year. Flowers and trees are in full bloom.

Prior learning:

Children know about similarities and differences in relation to places, objects, materials and living things. They talk about the features of their own immediate environment and how environments might vary from one another. They make observations of animals and plants and explain why some things occur and talk about changes.

Day length

The longest day of the year in the UK is in mid-summer. This falls on June 21st.

Summer solstice



The shortest day of the year in the UK is in mid-winter. This falls on December 21st.

Winter solstice



Weather symbols

We can use these to record what the weather is like where we live.



Key vocabulary

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| Season | Seasons are periods of similar weather. We have 4 seasons. |
| Autumn | Autumn takes place in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> September October November |
| Winter | Winter takes place in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> December January February |
| Spring | Spring takes place in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> March April May |
| Summer | Summer takes place in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> June July August |
| Weather | This is how sunny, rainy, windy, snowy etc that it is. It changes with the seasons. |
| sunrise | The time in the morning when the sun first appears in the sky. |
| sunset | The time in the evening when the sun disappears out of sight in the sky. |

Can I answer:

- Can name the four seasons and identify when in the year they occur
- Can describe weather in different seasons over a year
- Can describe days as being longer (in time) in the summer and shorter in the winter
- Can describe other features that change through the year