

Seasons (Autumn and Winter) and (Spring and Summer)

Key Vocabulary

Seasons	There are 4 seasons each year: Autumn, Winter, Spring and Summer.		
Autumn	In Autumn, the weather begins to get colder. The leaves start to fall from the trees. The amount of daylight becomes less. This means the daytimes are shorter and the night times are longer.	Spring	In spring, the weather starts to get warmer. The leaves begin to grow on the trees and some trees may blossom (have flowers). Plants begin to grow and you may see baby animals like lambs around. The daytimes start to get longer.
Winter	In winter, the weather is much colder. Sometimes it is cold enough to freeze, leaving frost and ice on the ground. It sometimes snows. Many trees have bare branches as all their leaves have fallen off. The daytimes are the shortest in the year and the night times are the longest.	Summer	In summer, the weather gets hotter. The daytime is long and the nights are short. Summer has the longest days. The trees are full of leaves and there are lots of flowers, bees, butterflies and other insects.
Weather	The weather includes the temperature outside, the wind direction and strength, as well as rain, cloud, snow and sun.	Daylight	Daylight is when it is light outside. The amount of daylight changes with each season.

What are the seasons?

Autumn:

- September
- October
- November

Winter:

- December
- January
- February

Spring:

- March
- April
- May

Summer:

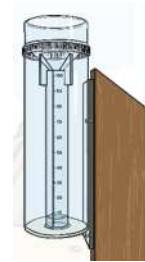
- June
- July
- August

What is the weather like in different seasons?

Children to observe the weather changes throughout the seasons. Collect information in a rain gauge throughout the year and record on a classroom display to compare the different months through the year.

SCIENTIST STUDY: Christopher Wren and Robert Hooke worked together to create a rain gauge. See lesson plan.

Invent your own rain gauge:



What animals do you see in the different seasons?

Children to look at animals which hibernate for the winter season.

Children to look at animals that they will see in spring.

What are the daylight hours each month?

Month	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug
Hours of Daylight	13	11	9	8	8	10	12	14	15	16	16	14

Prior Learning

Children will have used all their senses in hands-on exploration of natural materials.

Next Steps

Children will learn about the water cycle.