

Deepening Understanding
YR 2 Non-fiction Text
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A year is made up of four seasons: spring, summer, autumn and winter. Each season usually lasts for about three months. Countries can have their seasons at different times. If it is summer in England, it is winter in Australia! This is because different countries are closer to the sun at different times of the year. Each season has different weather, hours of sunlight and changes in nature.

Spring

Spring is the first season of the year. March, April and May are the months of spring. The temperature starts to rise but the weather can change all the time. Spring days can be sunny, windy, rainy or cloudy. Lots of things begin to come to life during the spring months. Plants start to grow, trees begin to blossom and animals start to wake up from their winters sleep. Spring is also the time where animals and birds have their babies. Young lambs start running in the grass, chicks begin to hatch and tadpoles are seen in ponds.



Summer

This is the hottest season of the year and the temperature can be warm both day and night. More hours of sunlight during the day means that lots of people spend their days outside in the garden, at the park and at the beach. Barbeques are enjoyed and summer holidays are taken. Bright, colourful flowers are blooming and fruit such as strawberries and tomatoes can be picked. Green leaves cover the trees and insects such as bees and butterflies collect nectar from plants. June, July and August are the months of summer.

Autumn

September, October and November make up the autumn months. Lots of changes begin to happen in autumn. There are less hours of sunlight during the day and it begins to get colder and windier. Less sunlight means green leaves turn golden brown, orange or red and they begin to fall down from the trees. Seeds such as conkers, acorns and sycamore helicopter seeds can be found on trees. Birds such as swallows and swifts start to fly thousands of miles to warmer countries for the winter. This is called migration. Animals begin to prepare for hibernating by growing thick, fur coats and eating lots of food. Squirrels collect acorns and bury them underground so they have a store of food for the winter months.

Winter

The months of winter are December, January and February. Winter is the coldest season of the year, with lots of ice, frost and snow. Snow brings much excitement, and snowmen and snow angels are created. Many people have to wrap up warm with hats, gloves and scarves when they go outside. Mornings and evenings are dark because there are not as many hours of sunlight during the winter. Deciduous tree branches are bare and many animals like hedgehogs and dormice are now in their burrows or nests hibernating, as it is too cold for them to be outside. Christmas is celebrated in the winter.

