

KS1 Geography: The seasons

What are the seasons?

MADDIE: Hi, everyone! Are you exploring the outdoors?

CHILD: Yes, we are having some winter fun!

MADDIE: Yes, it looks very wintry where you are. Winter is one of my favourite seasons.

CHILD: Mine too!

MADDIE: A season is a section of the year. Every year in the UK we experience four seasons. Spring in the UK is March, April and May. Summer is June, July and August. Autumn is September, October and November. And winter is December, January and February.

These seasons come at different months in other parts of the world. Each season looks and feels different from the others.

In spring, the weather in the UK is usually mild and wet. Nature starts to wake up after a long winter sleep. We see buds coming on trees and bushes and some flowers begin to bloom.

Spring is when lots of baby animals are born and many birds lay their eggs!

CHILD: I love to see the little lambs in spring!

MADDIE: But don't forget to bring an umbrella - those spring showers can come at any time!

Summer brings warmer weather and more hours of daylight. Plants and crops quickly grow thanks to the light and warmth. Lots of flowers are in bloom and insects make the most of them. It's the perfect time to have a picnic in the park or head to the beach!

CHILD: In summer I love to splash my feet in the sea!

CHILD: And it's nice to keep cool in t-shirts, shorts and sandals!

MADDIE: Don't forget the sun hats!

When autumn arrives, the leaves on the trees turn golden, then brown and fall to the ground. It's harvest time, when lots of fruits, vegetables and grains are collected for food. The temperature starts to cool in autumn and there can be strong winds. There are fewer hours of daylight than in summer.

- CHILD: That means it gets dark earlier in the evening.
- CHILD: And it can still be dark in the morning when we wake up!
- MADDIE: Winter brings frost and colder temperatures and sometimes it snows. Lots of animals hibernate and many species of birds fly away to warmer places for the winter. The days are at their shortest in winter.
- CHILD: But evergreen trees - like this holly - keep their leaves all year!
- CHILD: In winter when it's cold we need to wrap up in warm coats, hats, scarves and gloves.
- MADDIE: You look toasty!
- CHILD: I love winter when it snows!
- MADDIE: I love the snow too! For most of the UK it only snows occasionally, but in some parts snow is more common. Like in the mountains of Scotland, where Mitchell lives...
- CHILD: Today me and my mum are going to show you what winter is like in the Scottish Highlands. It gets really snowy, especially on the top of the mountains.
- In the winter it gets so cold that the loch freezes. Look! Here is some ice. It gets very stormy here and that causes trees to blow down.
- I live here because I love snow and I love to ski. This is where I ski the most, at our local mountain.
- Thanks for exploring winter in the Scottish Highlands with me. Bye everyone!
- MADDIE: Each season in the UK is special and unique. Most of the time we see cold winters and warm summers in the UK, but because of climate change we are beginning to see big changes to our seasons, where summers can get much hotter. We can also experience long periods of rain, which can cause some areas to flood. We all need to do what we can to keep our beautiful seasons.
- What are you lot up to?
- CHILD: We're making collages!
- MADDIE: Beautiful work!