SEASONAL CHANGES - YEAR 1: PROGRESSION MAP



National Curriculum Objectives

- · Observe changes across the four seasons
- · Observe and describe weather associated with the seasons and how day length varies

Lesson Title

- 1. What Are the Seasons?
- 2. What Happens in Spring?
- 3. What Happens in Summer?
- 4. What Happens in Autumn?
- 5. What Happens in Winter?
- 6. Can We Compare the Seasons?

Common misconceptions:

- Seasons are the same around the world
- It always snows in winter
- The sun moves across the sky (rather than Earth rotating)
- Days are completely dark in winter
- All trees lose their leaves in autumn
- · All animals hibernate in winter
- Weather is consistent throughout a season
- Summer is always hot and sunny
- Plants completely die in winter and regrow in spring
- Seasons change suddenly on specific dates

Hinterland:

- · Observing and recording the weather daily
- Noticing changes in local environment
- Family activities in different seasons
- Seasonal celebrations and holidays
- Seasonal clothing choices
- Seasonal foods and eating patterns
- Personal preferences for different seasons
- Watching nature documentaries about seasonal changes
- Observing seasonal changes in gardens/parks
- · Reading seasonal stories

Scientific enquiry:

- 1. Lesson 1: Observing closely using simple equipment; identifying and classifying seasonal items
- 2. Lesson 2: Observing closely; gathering and recording data about spring features
- 3. Lesson 3: Observing summer weather; gathering and recording data about daylight patterns
- 4. Lesson 4: Observing closely; identifying and classifying autumn changes
- 5. Lesson 5: Observing winter features; identifying and classifying hibernating animals
- 6. Lesson 6: Using observations and ideas to suggest answers; gathering and recording data

Coherence:

- Using words with similar meanings (weather/climate, season/time of year)
- Using words with opposite meanings (hot/cold, light/dark, long/short)
- Using adjectives to describe seasonal changes
- Using question words (what, when, why, how)
- Using subject-specific vocabulary
- Speaking in structured sentences using sentence stems ("In summer the days are

Maths

- Sorting and grouping seasonal objects
- Measuring temperature
- Using comparison language
- Counting hours of daylight
- Simple data collection and charts

Art:

- Exploring colours of seasonal changes
- Creating seasonal artwork
- Observing and depicting natural environments

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- Choosing appropriate materials for a purpose (e.g., warm, soft, hidden)
- Exploring joining techniques (folding, gluing, layering)
- Working with templates or construction shapes (like using paper bags and natural materials to build a den structure)
- $\bullet\,\,$ Evaluating designs by reflecting on what would make the den more effective

Key vocabulary:

season, spring, summer, autumn, winter, weather, daylight, sunrise, sunset, hibernation, migration, bud, blossom, leaves, temperature, cycle, change, observe

Book Recommendations:

Year 1 Storybook - Seasonal Changes

Builds on:

Early Years Foundation Stage:

- Exploring the natural world
- Making simple observations about seasonal changes
- · Describing basic weather conditions
- Noticing differences in environments
- Learning about changes in nature

Future learning:

Year 2

- Year 2: Living things and their habitats, plants, animals including humans
- Key Stage 2: Plants, living things and their habitats, evolution and adaptation

Key Stage 2:

- Earth and space
- Habitats and adaptation
- Plant and animal life cycles