Science

Year 1 - Summer 1 - Seasonal Changes

National Curriculum / End Point Statement

Seasonal Changes

- observe changes across the 4 seasons
- observe and describe weather associated with the seasons and how day length varies

Working Scientifically

- asking simple questions and recognising that they can be answered in different ways
- observing closely, using simple equipment
- performing simple tests
- identifying and classifying
- using their observations and ideas to suggest answers to questions
- gathering and recording data to help in answering questions.

Lesson 1	Lesson 2	Lesson 3	Lesson 4 (TAPS)		
Recap previous knowledge — Seasonal changes from Autumn /Spring term WALT name the seasons	WALT make and record observations in a weather diary	WALT make and record observations using a rain gauge	WALT gather and record data about the 4 seasons		
In Focus -	In Focus -	In Focus -	In Focus -		
https://explorify.wellcome.ac.uk/en/activities/whats	https://explorify.wellcome.ac.uk/en/activities/whats	https://explorify.wellcome.ac.uk/en/activities/odd-	https://explorify.wellcome.ac.uk/en/activities/zoom-		
-going-on/seasons	-going-on/spring-flowers	one-out/mellow-yellow	in-zoom-out/white-and-spiky		
Success Criteria					
I know what a season is	I can tell you which weather is most common	I can identify what the weather will be like in	I can gather and record data to help me answer a		
can name the four seasons enow which months of the year fall into which ason enow the different types of weather	within each season I can gather and record data to help me answer a question I can explain what I might need to wear according to the weather	each season I know how the season will affect the clothes I wear	question I know how the season will affect the clothes I wear		
Suggested Outcome					

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Children can spot signs of Summer — make a				
sticky bracelet to collect petals, green grass, green				
leaves etc				

Record temperature each day and complete a temperature diary. Ask questions about the temperature and discuss how it changed over the course of a week

Complete a weather diary for the week. Use symbols to describe the weather and compare differences/similarities in days.

https://central.espresso.co.uk/espresso/modules/news/tv_news/geography/things_to_do/010620g_weather.html?source=search-all-all-all&source-keywords=weather%20forecast

Create a weather forecast to compare seasonal weather.

Vocabulary	NC links
day, night, seasons, change, year, spring, summer, autumn, winter, weather, sun, moon	Geography unit of learning covers a lot of the small steps

Key Learning

In the UK, the day length is longest at mid-summer (about 16 hours) and gets shorter each day until mid-winter (about 8 hours) before getting longer again.

The weather also changes with the seasons. In the UK, it is usually colder and rainier in the winter and hotter and drier in the summer. The change in weather causes many other changes. Some examples are: numbers of minibeasts found outside, seed and plant growth, leaves on trees and types of clothes worn by people.

Possible Evidence

- Children can name the four seasons and identify when in the year they occur
- Children can describe weather in different seasons over time
- Children can describe days as being longer (in time) in the summer and shorter in the winter.
- Children can describe other features that change through the year.
- Children can use the evidence gathered to describe the general types of weather and changes in day length over the seasons
- Children can use their evidence to describe some other features of their surroundings e.g. themselves, animals, plants that change over the seasons
- Children can demonstrate their knowledge in different ways e.g. making a weather forecast video, writing seasonal poetry, creating seasonal artwork

Common Misconceptions

Some children may think:

- It always snows in winter
- It is always sunny in the summer
- There are only flowers in the spring and summer
- It rains the most in winter

Notable Scientists

John Dalton

Dr Steve Lyons (Extreme Weather)

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Holly Green (Meteorologist) David Braine (Meterologist)

CPD opportunity

https://www.reachoutcpd.com/courses/lower-primary/seasonal-changes/

Useful Links

https://central.espresso.co.uk/espresso/primary_uk/subject/module/frontscreen/item1162014/grade1/index.html?source=subject-Science-KS1-Seasonal%20changes-Resource%20types

Seasonal changes

Early	•	• Children know about similarities and differences in relation to places, objects, materials and living things. They talk about the features of their	
learning		own immediate environment and how environments might vary from one another. They make observations of animals and plants and explain	
goal		why some things occur and talk about changes.	
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	•	Observe and describe weather associated with the seasons and how day length varies.	