

Seasons

Ideas for Parents - Class 5

Communication, Language and Literacy

- Explain to the children that there are four seasons and at the moment we are still in winter.
- Talk about what the weather is like in winter and what the weather will be like in spring.
- Mention about putting the clocks forward one hour towards the end of March and that we will have more daylight hours so that they can play outside.

Mathematical Development

- We have lots of rain in the spring time. Let the children experiment with cups, jugs etc filling and emptying them with water. Ask questions like “How many cups of water fill the plastic bottle?” and “How many cups can you fill from one jug of water?”
- Outside, look for signs of spring. Count how many crocuses or daffodils you can see.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- Discuss various celebrations that we have in each season e.g. birthdays of family and friends, Christmas, Valentines Day, Shrove Tuesday, Easter, Diwali, Chinese New Year and others.
- Think about favourite times of the year.
- How can we help birds in the winter time?

Knowledge and Understanding of the World

- Spring time is a time for new growth. Think about planting some seeds and talk about how to look after them.
- Go for a nature walk at different times of the year and look at the trees and animals in the fields.
- We need coats, hats and scarves to keep us warm in the winter. What do animals need? What happens to some of the birds in winter time?

Physical Development

- Practise keeping warm outside in the winter e.g. running, clapping, stamping feet.
- Draw the four seasons' pictures, ensuring correct pencil grip and encourage careful colouring.

Creative Development

- Talk about colours associated with each season and choose particular colours for painting pictures e.g. a winter picture could have white, brown, green and grey, for spring introduce yellow, summer red and blue and autumn, orange.
- Read “The Very Hungry Caterpillar” by Eric Carle. Explain how butterflies have lovely colourful patterns. Paint some beautiful butterflies.