## Seasons Connect Four Game

# Which events and activities belong to which season?

Sometimes it snows.	Birds come to visit from hot countries.	You need and warm coat, a scarf and gloves.			
This is a good time for holidays.	The days begin to get shorter.	Insects multiply.			
Some days are sunny and cold with frost.		Autumn?			
Summer?					
Spring?					
Winter?					

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This activity was devised for Class 3H at Brocklewood Junior School in Nottingham. They were looking at the difference between weather and climate/ seasons and at the time appreciating that we were getting our spring showers rather late into May which is a month that can't decide which season it belongs to. The activity was designed to consolidate appropriate vocabulary and stimulate discussion around how weather affected their own lives.

Our activities travel around the world so you will of course need to adapt this activity to your own climate, where you may have only two or more than six seasons. We would like to develop some comparative work through our work in progress network, so please send any adaptions on other climates to the project.

The webaddress for this activity is: http://www.collaborativelearning.org/seasons.pdf This activity was last updated 13th January 2020..

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#### **Basic principles:**

- 1. Build on prior knowledge.
- 2. Move from concrete to abstract.
- 3. Ensure everyone works with everyone else.
- 4. Extend social language into curriculum language.

5.Provide motivating ways to go over the same knowledge more than once.

## Good for all pupils! Vital for EAL pupils!

If you can't talk it through, you won't be able to write about it confidently and creatively!

## Seasons Connect Four Game Board









Sometimes it snows.	Birds come to visit from hot countries.	You need and warm coat, a scarf and gloves.	
This is a good time for holidays.	The days begin to get shorter.		
Some days are sunny and cold with frost.	You can fly a kite easily.	Some animals decide to go to sleep.	
You need heating in your house.	The sun is low in the sky at midday.	You get sun and showers in turn.	
You wear thin clothes.	You eat salads and picnics.	You eat soups and stews.	

**How to play**. Two teams of two is best. Each team has a set of coloured seasons cards which they shuffle and place face down. Take turns to pick up a card and place on the board. Both teams must agree that it is correct. The aim is to be the first team to get a row of four: vertical, diagonal or horizontal.

It is very windy.	Daffodils and tulips bloom.	People sit and eat outside.	
The sun is high in the sky.	Leaves fall from the trees.	Days are short and nights are long.	
Some days are very very hot and sticky.	Birds build nests and lay eggs.	It rains quite a lot.	
Days are long and nights are short.	Lots of mushrooms grow in the woods. grey.		
Birds fly away to warmer countries.	Buds appear and new green leaves grow on trees.	There are thunderstorms.	

These are the cards for placing on the board which you will need to print in two colours and cut up. If you have not got coloured card, a quick solution is to put coloured dots on the cards with felt tips.

Spring	Summer	Autumn	Winter
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