

## EYFS OUTSIDE LEARNING PROJECT FACT SHEET

### WEATHER AND SEASONS (3 – 5 age range)



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#### Key activities:

- Jump in puddles together and talk about what has happened
- Woodland walks that focus on the trees, flowers and fauna
- Resources and activities that change according to the season
- Weather boxes to use outside during the different seasons
- Take children outside to observe the natural world
- Regularly note and record the weather in a class weather journal

#### Suggested learning and development links:

- Encourage focused observation of the natural world.
- Describe what they see, hear and feel outside.
- Understand the effects of changing seasons on the natural world around them.
- Draw children's attention to the weather and seasonal features.
- Encourage children to observe how animals to behave differently as the season changes.

(Taken from the new Development Matters (Non-statutory curriculum guidance for the EYFS 2020))

#### Characteristics of effective teaching and learning:

- Respond to new experiences that you bring to their attention
- Know more so feel confident about coming up with their own ideas
- Make more links between those ideas
- Children are increasingly able to control their attention and ignore distractions

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### **Books:**

When it rains by R Narika  
 Rain by Manya Stojic  
 Sunday Rain by R Pova  
 The Snowman and the Sun by S Taghdis  
 The Rhythm of the Rain by G Baker-Smith

### **Songs:**

Rain, rain go away, come again another day

### **Book collections**

<https://www.booksfortopics.com/weather>

### **Useful websites:**

STEM: One year with Kipper – seasons and climate:  
<https://www.stem.org.uk/resources/community/collection/312379/one-year-kipper-seasons-weather>

Woods through the seasons:

<https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/visiting-woods/things-to-do/woods-through-the-seasons/>

### **Videos:**

#### **Reception lessons from the online Oak Academy**

Spring <https://classroom.thenational.academy/units/spring-cc38>

Summer <https://classroom.thenational.academy/units/summer-9d8d>

Autumn: <https://classroom.thenational.academy/units/autumn-2278>

Winter: <https://classroom.thenational.academy/units/winter-hot-cold-9017>

Climate change <https://classroom.thenational.academy/units/climate-change-e7a0>

#### **Pancake Manor: The seasons song:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ksGiLalx39c&list=RDx5Liq67t2xq&index=3>

### **Local community provision:**

Local library – books about weather and seasons

Visits to the local park at different times of the year

## Puddle play



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**Taking children on regular woodland walks to know and remember more about the effect of the weather and changing seasons on our world**



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