



Festivals and Seasons

Our key question: What could Bluebell's festival be?

This half term we will be learning about:

- Bonfire night and Guy Fawkes
- Remembrance Day
- Diwali
- Hanukkah
- Advent and Christmas
- The four seasons

Seasonal information to discuss:

Autumn

Harvest time is in this season. Temperatures drop. Skies can be overcast. Some birds migrate to warmer climates. Leaves change colour and fall from deciduous trees.

Winter

The coldest time of year. We sometimes see snow, frost in the morning, sleet, blizzards, and hail. Water freezes to ice. Many plants stop growing. Some animals including hedgehogs, dormice and bats hibernate.

Spring

In this season temperatures rise and the earth starts to warm up. Flowers begin to grow. This season is associated with rebirth and growth, some baby animals are born including lambs, chicks and calves.

Summer

The hottest time of the year. There is usually sunshine, generally dry weather but there may be thunderstorms too. Flowers and trees are in bloom.



We will be:

- Celebrating that we are all unique and special.
- Understanding that there are many different types of people and beliefs in our world.
- Thinking about kindness towards all people, including when their beliefs are different to our own.
- Learning how our actions can change the future of our planet's climate.

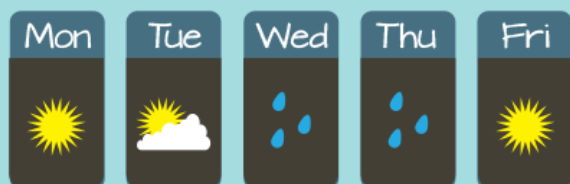
Home learning ideas:

- Choose a tree and observe how it changes
- keep a weather diary.
- Make a collage or art work using Autumn leaves and nature
- Go to a bonfire night celebration
- Go on Autumnal walks around Norfolk
- Find out about festivals at the library
- Build a bug house
- Build a bird feeder

Books to read at home:

- Tree: Seasons Come, Seasons Go, Patricia Hegarty and Britta Teckentrup
- The Rhythm of the Rain Grahame Baker-Smith
- The Weather Girls, AKI
- Out and About: A First Book of Poems Shirley Hughes
- A Year in Nature: A Carousel Book of the Seasons Hazel Maskell & Eleanor Taylor
- Why Do Leaves Fall From Trees? Ruth Owen
- Elmer and the Rainbow, David McKee
- Stick Man, Julia Donaldson

Local Weather



Global Climate



Key Vocabulary

Autumn	The season after summer and before winter, when trees lose their leaves and the weather becomes cooler.	Winter	The coldest season of the year.
Equinox	There is an equal amount of daylight and night.	Climate	We call the general weather trends and the extremes of weather in one place a 'climate'.
Season	There are four seasons: Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter. The length of a day varies depending on the season.	Diwali	A Hindu festival with lights, celebrating the story of Rama and Sita.
Shadow	When something blocks light travelling from a source, a shadow is made.	Festival	A day or period of celebration, typically for religious reasons.
Solstice	The longest and shortest day of the year.	Hanukkah	A Jewish festival, lasting eight days from the 25th day of Kislev (in December). It is marked by the successive kindling of eight lights.
Spring	The season after winter and before summer, in which vegetation begins to appear.	Nativity	A Christian story of the birth of Jesus Christ.
Summer	The warmest season of the year.	Advent	The first season of the Church year, leading up to Christmas.
Weather	The state of the atmosphere at a particular place and time as regards heat, cloudiness, dryness, sunshine, wind, rain, etc.	Weather Station	An observation post where weather conditions are observed and recorded.
Observe	To watch something closely for patterns of significance.	Culture	The ideas and customs of a group of people or society.