

SCIENCE · GRADES 1–2

A Tree Through the Year

Spring · Summer · Fall · Winter

What happens each season

Season	Tree	Weather	Animals
Spring	New leaves, blossoms	Mild, often rainy	Babies born, birds nesting
Summer	Full green leaves	Warm, long days	Lots of insects, busy birds
Fall	Leaves change & drop	Cooler, windier	Storing food, some migrating
Winter	Bare branches	Cold, sometimes snowy	Some hibernate, birds fluffed up

Activity

Pick a tree near your school or home. Visit it once a season (or sketch what you imagine each season). Draw the same tree four times — spring, summer, fall, winter. Note: leaves, color, weather, what animals you saw.

Discussion

1. Why do leaves change color in fall?
2. Why do some trees lose their leaves and others keep them all year?
3. What does the tree do in winter — is it dead?

