



Winter



Many countries across the world have four seasons called spring, summer, autumn and winter. Winter is the coldest season of the year.



Weather in Winter

Both night and day can be very cold. There might be snow or ice if the temperature drops below freezing. Travelling can be more difficult in winter.

Did You Know...?



Some countries around the world do not have a winter. Countries which are close to the equator may have a rainy season and a dry season but no winter. India is close to the equator.

Nature in Winter

Many trees drop their leaves in winter. Some plants are evergreen, which means they keep their leaves. Holly has glossy leaves and pretty berries during the winter.

Some animals survive the cold winter months by hibernating.



This means that they find somewhere safe to rest through the bad weather. These animals wake up and begin to find food when spring arrives. Animals which hibernate include:

- hedgehogs
- frogs and toads
- queen bees



There are other animals which move to warmer countries during the winter. This is called migrating. Some birds fly south for the winter. Swifts fly great distances from the UK to reach Africa.

Amazing Animals

The monarch butterfly of North America migrates more than 3,000km or 1,800 miles in winter.

Earthworms migrate a very small distance during the winter. They dig about two metres down into the soil!

Questions

1. Which season is the coldest of the year? Tick one.

- spring
- autumn
- winter

2. What happens if the temperature drops below freezing? Tick one.

- There might be puddles.
- There might be snow or ice.
- There might be four seasons.

3. Draw **two** lines and match each animal to how far they migrate.

monarch butterfly	migrates a long distance
earthworm	migrates a short distance

4. Look at the **Nature in Winter** section.

Find and **copy** a word which describes the plants that keep their leaves in winter.

5. Where do swifts go to when they migrate?
