



Year Group: Year 1 and 2

Length: 29 mins

Starting Positions: Sit in your own space on the floor

Learning Intentions:

To know about...

- The names of the four seasons
- How weather changes across the seasons
- How changing seasons affect animals and nature
- How people adapt to seasonal change

Synopsis:

- You are watering flowers for your poorly Mum on a hot summer's evening. You feel too hot.
- That night you move the hand on a strange 'Seasons Clock' – and turn summer into winter.
- Jack Frost steals the clock. You must get it back to make things right and save your Mum from the cold.
- You follow Jack to the Land of the Four Seasons with Bella your pet dog and find yourself in 'Spring'.
- A spell cast by Jack Frost makes the grass grow fast and trap you. Baby rabbits help to free you.
- In 'Summer' the heat makes the earth crack. Bees rescue you when you fail to get the clock from Jack.
- A mouse helps you find the clock in 'Autumn', but Jack Frost makes the wind blow it away.
- You find the clock buried in snow in 'Winter'. A robin helps you find your way home.
- Jack Frost tries to stop you changing the clock back, but the mouse comes to your rescue.
- Winter turns back to summer and your mum recovers.

Characters:

- **Mum** – when people get very cold, they shiver and their faces can turn blue
- **Bella** – your pet dog has a secret job as 'Guardian of the Clock', and can speak
- **Jack Frost** – a mythical, sprite-like figure that loves snow, ice and the cold
- **Baby Rabbit** – wild baby rabbits are born in Spring and eat grass and plant leaves
- **Bee** – Bees are especially active in Summer pollinating plants and flowers
- **Mouse** – Mice spend Autumn collecting nuts and berries for their Winter hibernation
- **Robin** – Robins are associated with Winter and Christmas in particular.

Locations:

- **Home** – our Mum grows flowers on the balcony and has a strange ‘Seasons’ clock on the bedroom wall
- **Land of the Four Seasons** – a fantasy land where Jack Frosts’ magic makes seasonal change happen too quickly, within each season and across all four:
 - **Spring** – Jack Frosts’ magic makes Spring growth run riot
 - **Summer** – the magic makes Summer heat dry the earth and cause giant cracks
 - **Autumn** – the magic makes Autumn winds blow hard and speeds up the rotting process
 - **Winter** – the magic makes Winter exceptionally cold, snowy and icy.

Glossary:

- **Watering Can** – a can with a spout used to pour water onto plants
- **Guardian** – someone who looks after something or someone
- **Swarm** – many bees form a ‘swarm’
- **Maggot** – a white worm-like creature found in rotting matter
- **Rotting** – the process by which food or matter decomposes
- **Numb** – loss of physical sensation
- **Blizzard** – a severe snowstorm with high winds
- **Melting** – the process by which a solid warms up and becomes liquid

Discussion:

Story & Factual

- Why do flowers and plants go limp when it’s very hot? What can we do to help them?
- In the story, the grass grew too much in spring. What else grows during spring?
- The earth cracked during summer. Why did this happen?
- Why do animals like mice and squirrels collect more food than usual during autumn?
- The sun in winter was low in the sky – how is this different to the sun in summer?
- When the seasons change, we put on different clothes. Why is this?

PSHE and Philosophical

- If you had a magic seasons clock, what season would you want to change it to and why?
- Jack Frost wanted to make winter last forever. Why do you think the seasons need to change?
- How does too much heat or too much cold make our bodies feel? What can we do to feel better?
- What might happen if it was always light? What if it was always dark?

Resources:

You’ll find these follow up resources on your shared drive:

- **Literacy Resources** – Reading Comprehension/Text Analysis, 3x SPAG exercises, Poem/Short writing exercise, Formal Prose, Creative Writing, Spelling Test
- **Photo Storyboard** – order the images from the story (or use them for other things – e.g. writing)
- **Quick Quiz** – re-cap key facts
- **Or try some recount, report or creative writing ideas of your own!**