

There are 4 seasons in the United Kingdom

Autumn



September
October
November

Winter



December
January
February

Spring



March
April
May

Summer

June
July
August



In the **winter** the **sun rises later** and sets earlier and our **days are short**.



In the **summer** the sun **rises earlier** and sets later and our **days are long**.

Key Vocab

1	Season	The arrangement of dates or events in the order in which they occurred.
2	Harvest	The season for gathering crops
3	Migrate	Some animals migrate to places where they can hibernate, or rest for the winter
4	Overcast	The sky is completely covered in cloud
5	Deciduous	Shedding (losing) leaves annually
6	Hibernate	Hibernation is a way that some animals deal with the harshness of winter. They curl up in a safe place and stay there until winter ends.
7	Sleet	Frozen or partly frozen rain
8	Blizzard	A powerful snowstorm
9	Hail	small lumps of ice and snow
10	Frost	Frost is ice that is formed when water vapour freezes onto a surface

Flooding

A flood is a rise of water with no place to go.

Floods occur all over the world. Causes of floods include hurricanes, broken levees or dams, rapidly thawing snow, ice jams, and heavy slow moving rain or repeated rains.



Autumn features



Harvest time is in this season. Temperatures drop and it gets dark earlier because there is less sunlight. Skies can be overcast. Birds migrate to warmer climates. Leaves change colour and start to fall from some trees. Animals begin storing up food for the winter.

Winter features



The coldest time of the year. There are less and less hours of daylight. We sometimes see snow, frost in the morning, sleet blizzards and hail. Water freezes to ice. Many plants stop growing. Some trees lose all their leaves. Some animals including hedgehogs and tortoises hibernate.

Spring features



In this season temperatures rise and the ground starts to warm up. Flowers begin to grow. This season is associated with rebirth and growth. Some baby animals are born (e.g. lambs, chicks)

Summer features



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.

How Animals Survive Winter

Animals cope with winter weather by doing one of the following things...

Some animals **hibernate** for some, or all, of the winter because the weather is cold and it is hard to find food. They find a safe place and fall into a very deep sleep. They don't need to eat because during the autumn they eat extra food to help feed them in winter.



Hedgehogs hibernate in places such as hedges, roots of trees and underneath sheds

Some animals **migrate**, which means they travel to another place where the weather is warmer and it's easier to find food.



The swallow migrates to warmer countries in winter

Some animals **adapt**, which means they change their behaviour or bodies. Some animals grow thicker fur to keep warm, some eat food which they have collected in the autumn and saved for winter, and other animals eat different kinds of food as the seasons change.



Herdwick sheep can survive harsh winters because they have blizzard-proof fleeces