

A Barefoot Lesson Idea

Photo-Fun with *Skip through the Seasons*

A BAREFOOT SCIENCE LESSON FOR AGES 3 – 7

Learn about the different seasons and what is special to each. Help children to understand the passing of time and how the year is divided.

WHAT TO FIND

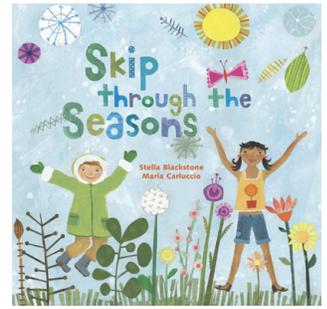
- Seasonal pictures
- A camera

WHAT TO DO

1. Find a place outside that the children know (a tree in the corner of the playground, a bench by the school door, some gardens or a park nearby). Take the children to look at it and talk about it – take a photo. Do the same two weeks later. Continue to go and look at the place you've chosen and take photographs at two or three weekly intervals. Display all the photos as you take them and talk to the children about how the tree/garden has changed as the weeks pass.
2. Collect some pictures (from the internet or magazines) which show seasonal scenes. Give groups of children collections of the pictures and ask them to sort the pictures into piles for the different seasons. Talk about what is similar about the pictures in each pile: what is the world like when it's winter? What kind of things are fun to do in the summer?
3. Make a wall chart with the four seasons in four sections and put the names of the children who have birthdays in each season. Is a February birthday in winter or spring? Why is it hard to be sure which season some months fall in? What is happening in the in-between months?
4. **Extension:** Talk about how you feel when it's cold outside. How do you feel when it's snowing? How do you feel when it's dark? What time do you go to bed in the summer? What do you hear when you're lying in bed – in winter? In summer?



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