

Nova's Seasonal Adventure

Learning objective: To identify and describe the changes across the four seasons.

Read the story about Nova the owl carefully and then answer the questions below.

Nova the owl loves to watch the forest change throughout the year. In spring, the days get longer. Nova sees green buds appearing on the trees and new baby animals waking up. The weather starts to feel warmer. When summer arrives, the days are at their longest and the sun is high in the sky. It is the hottest time of the year, and the trees are full of thick, green leaves. Soon, autumn begins. The air gets cooler and the leaves change colour to bright red, orange, and gold before falling to the ground. The days start to get shorter, and the sun sets earlier in the evening. Finally, winter arrives. It is the coldest season of all. Some days are grey and frosty, and the trees are bare. Nova stays tucked up in her cosy hollow tree to keep warm while she waits for spring to return. The cycle of the four seasons happens every single year, changing the world around us in wonderful ways.

Word bank: seasons · weather · temperature · deciduous · daylight

1. Which season is described as the hottest time of the year? (1 mark)

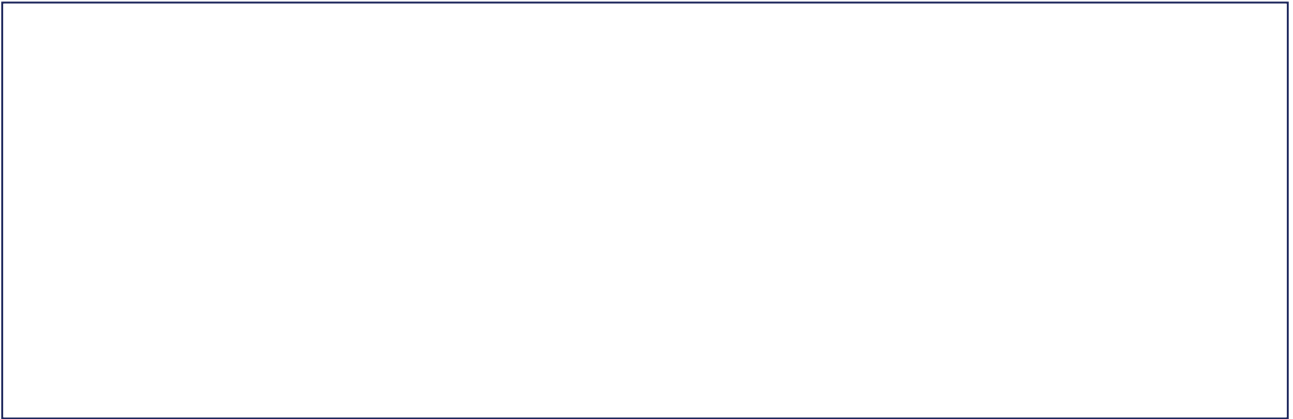
2. What happens to the leaves in autumn? (1 mark)

3. Why does Nova stay in her hollow tree during the winter? (2 marks)

4. How do we know that the days are getting shorter in autumn? (2 marks)

5. Which season do you like the best and why? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of the same tree in two different seasons. Label one side 'Summer' and the other side 'Winter'.



Extension challenge: Go outside and look for signs of the current season. Write down three things you can see, such as flowers, bare branches, or people wearing coats.