

## Fun Facts – Younger Primary Students Seasons



### Seasons

**Meteorological and Astronomical seasons begin and end at different times.** This is because the astronomical seasons are based on the position of Earth in relation to the sun, whereas the meteorological seasons are based on the annual temperature cycle.

For example, meteorological summer in Ireland is defined to be June, July and August because, on average, they are our warmest months. In Met Éireann we follow the meteorological seasons listed here:

#### **Spring**

Spring begins on the first of March and continues until the end of May.

It is a time when animals and plants begin to wake up from the long winter.

Flowers like tulips and daffodils, start to bloom and the Easter Bunny comes to visit. The weather gets warmer and the days are longer.

In past times, the 1st of February was considered the first day of spring

#### **Summer**

Summer begins on the first of June and continues until the end of August.

During this season the weather can be warm and sunny. School ends and holidays begin!

People go to the beach on sunny days wearing shorts and t-shirts.

In Met Éireann, we define summer to be the three warmest months of the year. In Ireland these are June, July and August.

#### **Autumn**

Autumn begins on the first of September and continues until the end of November. During this season the weather starts to get cooler. The leaves start to fall off the trees and there are few flowers. School also starts again in autumn.

#### **Winter**

Winter starts on the first of December and continues until the end of February. The trees are bare and the animals go to sleep. It is very cold outside and we all need to wrap up well.

Sometimes it snows in the winter. We also celebrate Christmas during this season!