Who's Getting Ready for Winter?

Instructions for Teachers & Task Leaders

Scene Setting

At Wicken Fen nature reserve, animals are getting ready for winter. Some migrate, some hibernate, and others stay active all year. Rangers like Ajay help look after these wetlands to give wildlife the best chance of survival.

Activity:

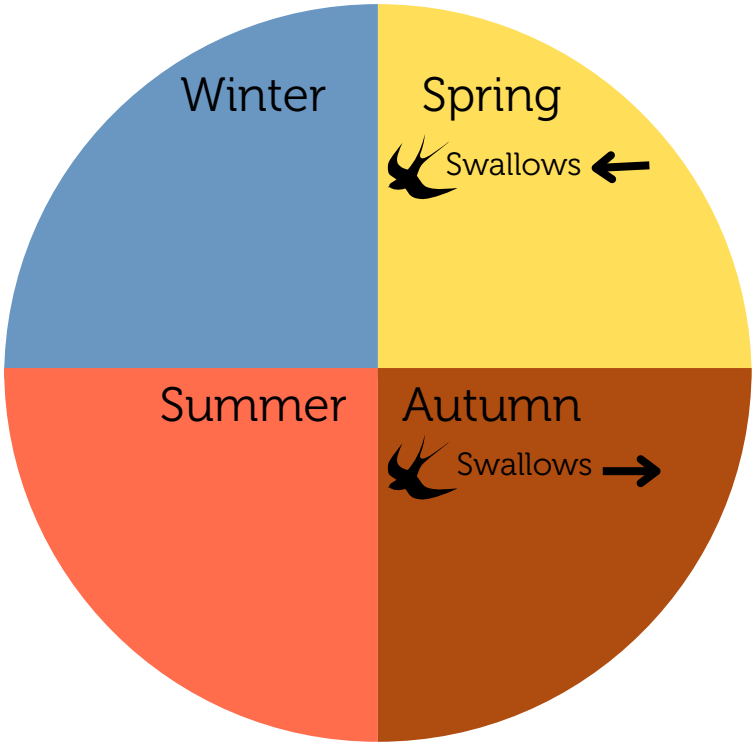
Seasonal Wildlife Calendar

Create a year-round calendar wheel.

Show which animals are:

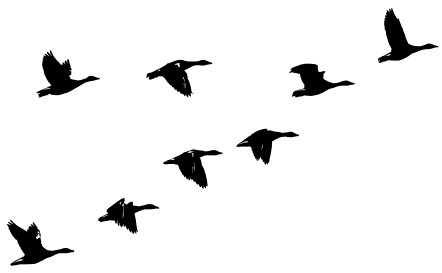
- Migrating (leaving or arriving in the UK)
- Hibernating (sleeping through winter)
- Active all year round
- Add drawings or symbols for each season.

The example shows Swallows arriving (immigrating) and when they leave (emigrating).



Careers Spotlight: Ranger

- Ranger work involves habitat management (creating wetlands and trimming out overgrown shady areas) ready for both winter wildlife and next spring's wildflowers and breeding birds.
- Checks habitats and species through the year.
- Needs curiosity, outdoor skills, and knowledge of nature.



Curriculum Links

- Science: Seasonal change, living things & habitats
- Geography: Local environments, land use
- PSHE: Caring for the environment, responsibility

Reflection

Which seasonal change do you find most interesting, and why?

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