

# All about Spring

Spring is one of the four seasons. It is the season that comes after winter. Spring starts in March and ends in June. Spring is the season when we change our clocks forward one hour. We often have a mixture of sunny and rainy days.

## What happens to the animals?

Animals such as hedgehogs, grass snakes, lizards, adders, frogs and toads come out of hibernation on the first warm spring days. You can see frogspawn, which looks like jelly.

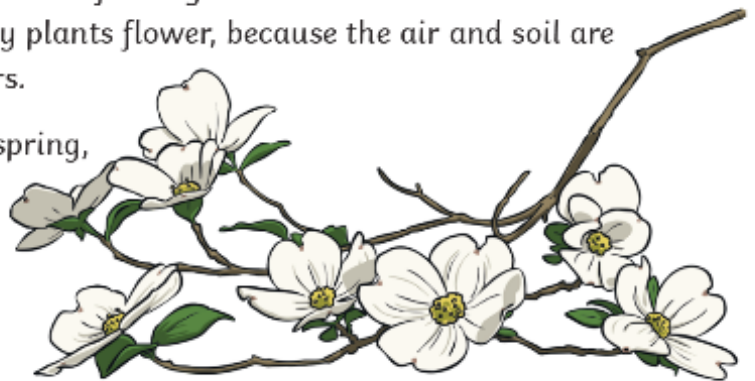
Some animals move about a lot more in spring, such as squirrels. You can see squirrels running about, looking for food and climbing trees.

There are also lots of migrant birds that come back to the UK in the spring. You can see swifts, cuckoos and nightingales.

## What happens to the plants and the insects?

Nature is very busy in spring and there are lots of changes. You can see the trees and bushes grow new leaves again in spring and many plants flower, because the air and soil are warmer and there are more daylight hours.

Many more insects can be spotted in spring, including butterflies and bees, which like the flowers.



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## Answers

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**Accept: hibernation**

2. Why does 'migrant' mean? Use clues from the text to help you.

**Accept answers which discuss that migrant means to travel, the clue is that migrant birds come back to the UK in spring so they must have travelled elsewhere during the winter.**

3. Name two changes you can see in nature during spring.

**Accept two: trees and bushes grow new leaves, many plants flower, air and soil are warmer, there are more daylight hours, animals such as hedgehogs come out of hibernation, you can see more insects.**

4. Why do you think you can spot more butterflies and bees in spring?

**Accept any answer which discusses that it is warmer outside and flowers start to appear, containing the nectar that birds and butterflies feed on.**