Seasonal Changes

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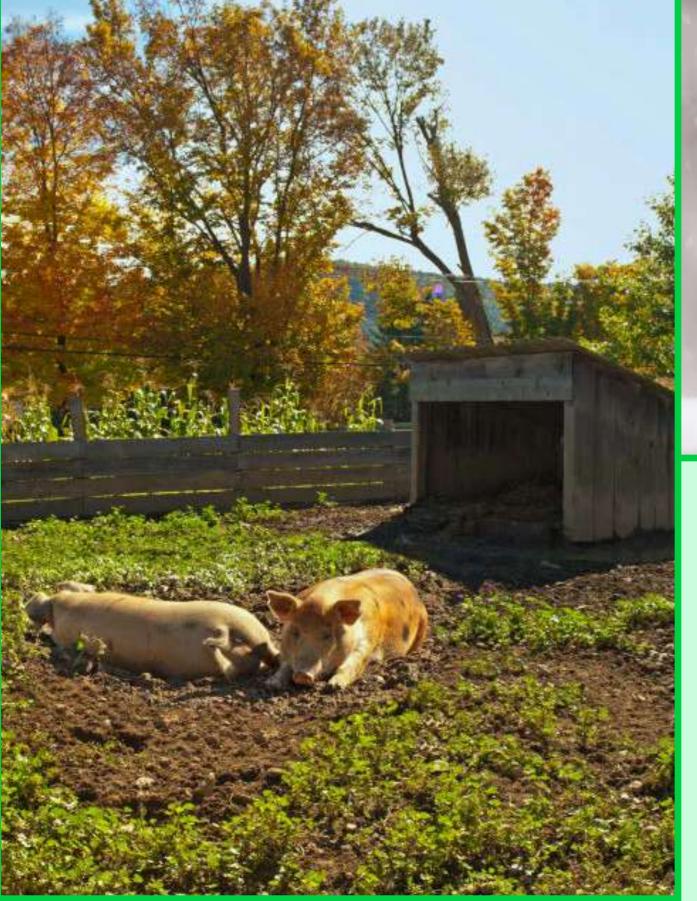
Finding out how animals are affected by the seasons.





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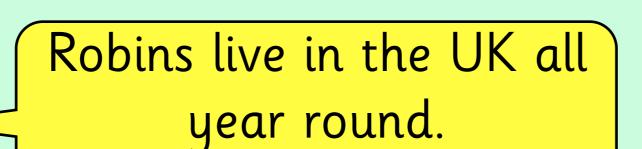
Do you think it is easier for animals to stay warm in the summer or the winter?

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It is much easier for them to find food and stay warm in the summer. The sun keeps them warm and stops their water and food from freezing.





What do you think robins do during each season?

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In winter robins live alone. They each have their own territory. When they are cold, robins puff up their feathers to keep warm.



When it is difficult to find food, robins visit bird tables.



By the early spring male robins have found a mate. They do this by singing loudly and sharing food with a female. After this the female robin starts to build a nest. The nests are mainly built from grass, sticks and leaves.

Sometimes robins like to make their nests in strange places like old boots, sheds and hanging baskets!



In summer robins care for their chicks. They keep laying eggs until July. Before a group of eggs hatches it is called a clutch, after it is called a brood. Normally the female robin lays four to six eggs at a time.

In the spring and summer robins eat worms, beetles, spiders and caterpillars.



In the autumn robins begin to live on their own. The chicks have to find their own territory and food to eat. The adults stop living in pairs.

Robins like to follow gardeners around to see if they dig up anything tasty.



How do robins adapt their lifestyle over a year?

The word **adapt** is a scientific word meaning **change**.

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Read a day in the life of a dormouse.



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Can you guess which season the day was in?

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