# SEASONS

#### Fun fact for kids

#### SPRING



- Vernal Equinox: Spring begins around March 20th or 21st, with nearly equal day and night.
- Cherry Blossoms: In Japan, cherry blossoms bloom, celebrated with "Hanami" festivals.
- Allergies: High pollen levels cause common springtime allergies.
- **Animal Activity**: Many animals emerge from hibernation and give birth.
- Easter: Celebrated in spring, Easter marks the resurrection of Jesus with customs like egg hunts.

#### SUMMER



- Summer Solstice: Summer begins with the summer solstice, around June 20th or 21st, which is the longest day of the year.
- Temperature Extremes: Summer is typically the hottest season, with temperatures often reaching their annual peak.
- Vacation Time: Many people take vacations during the summer months, and schools in the Northern Hemisphere typically have long breaks.

## FALL 🍁

- Autumnal Equinox: Fall begins with the autumnal equinox, around September 22nd or 23rd, when day and night are roughly equal in length.
- Leaf Color Change: Leaves of deciduous trees change color and fall off during autumn. This is due to the reduction in chlorophyll production.
- Harvest Season: Autumn is traditionally the time for harvest, and many festivals, such as Thanksgiving in the United States, are centered around this theme.

### WINTER \*



- Winter Solstice: Winter begins with the winter solstice, around December 21st or 22nd, which is the shortest day of the year.
- Snow: In many parts of the world, winter is associated with snow, ice, and cold temperatures.
- Hibernation: Some animals, such as bears, go into hibernation during winter to conserve energy and survive the scarcity of food.
- Winter Sports: Activities such as skiing, snowboarding, ice skating, and ice fishing are popular winter sports.