

# All About Spring



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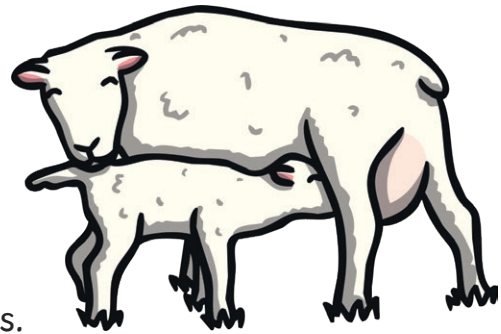
Spring starts in March and ends in June.

## What happens to the animals?

Some animals, such as hedgehogs, grass snakes, lizards, adders, frogs and toads, come out of hibernation.

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 insects?

You can see the trees and bushes grow new leaves in spring and many plants flower.

Many more insects can be spotted in spring, such as butterflies and bees.

## Which celebrations happen in spring?

Easter happens in spring.

It started as a religious festival and now many people celebrate it with Easter chocolate eggs or Easter egg hunts.

Easter Sunday always falls between 22nd March and 25th April.

# Questions

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  - June
  - March
  - January
2. What do hedgehogs do in spring? Tick one.
  - Come out of hibernation
  - Go into hibernation
  - Sleep for a long time
3. Which season comes **before** spring? Tick one.
  - summer
  - autumn
  - winter
4. What celebration happens in spring? Tick one.
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  - Easter
  - Valentine's Day
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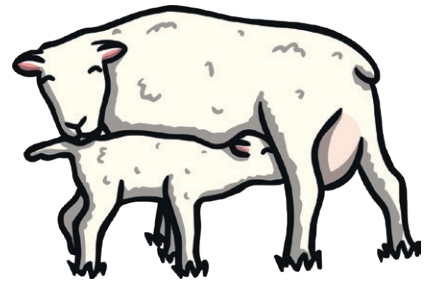
Spring is one of the four seasons. It is the season that comes after winter. Spring starts in March and ends in June. Spring is the season when we change our clocks forward one hour. We often have a mixture of sunny and rainy days.

## What happens to the animals?

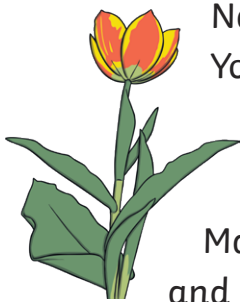
Animals such as hedgehogs, grass snakes, lizards, adders, frogs and toads come out of hibernation on the first warm spring days. You could see frogspawn, which looks like jelly.

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 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.

## Which celebrations happen in spring?

Easter is a celebration that happens in spring. It started as a religious festival and now many people celebrate it with Easter chocolate eggs and a game or Easter egg hunt. Easter Sunday always falls between 22nd March and 25th April. It is not on a fixed date each year. Most schools also have a holiday around this time which lasts around two weeks.

# Questions

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- March  
 April  
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2. Which animals move around more in spring? Tick **one**.

- adders  
 lizards  
 squirrels

3. Name **two** of the migrant birds that come back to the UK for spring.

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Many plants flower in spring because there are more hours of daylight.		
The air and soil are wetter so it helps the plants grow.		
More insects can be seen during spring.		
Trees and bushes grow new leaves in spring.		

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# Answers

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2. Which animals move around more in spring? Tick **two**.

- adders  
 lizards  
 **squirrels**

3. Name **two** of the migrant birds that come back to the UK for spring.

**Accept any two of the following:**

- **swifts**
- **cuckoos**
- **nightingales**

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**You can see frogspawn in spring that looks like jelly.**

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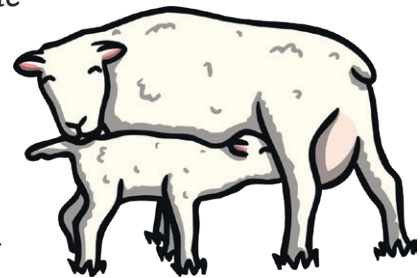
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## What happens to the animals?

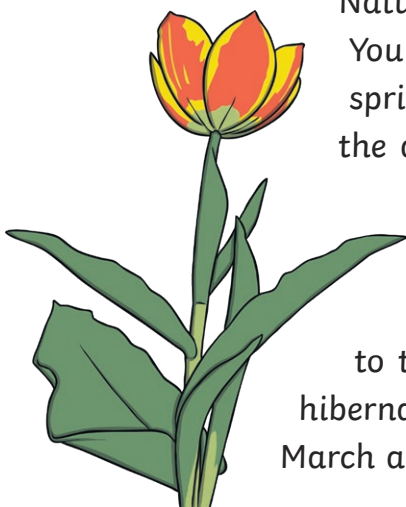
The animals that have been in hibernation through the winter come out on the first warm spring days. These can include hedgehogs, grass snakes, lizards, adders, frogs and toads. You might be able to see frogspawn, which looks like jelly. Toads can travel a long way to find their perfect pond to lay frogspawn.

Some other animals are more active in spring, such as squirrels. You are more likely to spot squirrels running about, looking for food and climbing trees.

There are also millions of migrant birds that come back to the UK in the spring. You might be able to see swifts, cuckoos, nightingales, warblers and chiffchaffs. Chiffchaffs are usually the first birds to appear and their 'chiffchaff' song can be heard from the tops of the trees. Beautiful birdsong is all around in spring.



## What happens to the plants and 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. They can do this because the air and soil are warmer and there are more daylight hours. Blossom appears first, then the leaves.

Many more insects can be spotted in spring, including butterflies and bees, which are attracted to the flowers. Queen bees that have lived through their hibernation during the winter come out on warm days in March and look for nectar and pollen from the flowers.

**Which celebrations happen in spring?**

Easter is a celebration that happens in spring. It started as a religious festival and now many people celebrate it with Easter chocolate eggs and a game or Easter egg hunt. It is called a 'moveable feast' because it is not on a fixed date each year. Easter Sunday always falls between 22nd March and 25th April. Easter Monday is a holiday where many people have the day off work. Most schools also have a holiday around this time, which lasts around two weeks.





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1. What happens to the clocks in spring? Tick one.

- We change them back by one hour.
- We do nothing with them.
- We change them forward by one hour.

2. Find and **copy** one word that means to **move about more**.

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3. What happens to the days and nights in spring? Tick **one**

- The days get longer and the nights get longer.
- The days get shorter and the nights get longer.
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4. Complete the sentence by adding in the missing words.

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Describe two of the changes that happen in spring in your own words.

**Pupil's own responses such as:** There are more flowers and insects in spring. The trees and flowers grow because of the longer days and warmer weather. There are more bees and butterflies, which come out to collect the nectar and pollen from the flowers.

6. Why is Easter called a moveable feast?

Easter is called a 'moveable feast' because it is not on the same date every year.