

Year group: EYFS

Unit question: Is the weather the same everywhere in the world?

Nursery

Lesson 1

LO: I am learning to talk about today's weather.

Substantive Knowledge

- Weather can be sunny, rainy, windy or cloudy.
- Weather changes from day to day in Leicester.

Disciplinary Knowledge

- Use senses to notice weather.
- Begin to describe with simple words.

Vocabulary:

- *Weather*★ – what the sky and air are like outside.
- Sun (bright light in the sky), rain (water falling from clouds), wind (air moving), cloud (white/grey shape in the sky).

Lesson 2

LO: I am learning how the weather changes my play and clothes.

Substantive Knowledge

- In rain we need coats and boots.
- In sun we need hats and drinks.
- People in hot countries often wear lighter clothes.

Disciplinary Knowledge

- Match clothes and activities to weather.
- Begin to explain choices.

Vocabulary:

- *Clothes*★ – what we wear on our body.
- Coat (keeps us warm), hat (for head), boots (shoes for wet), shade (a cool place out of the sun).

Lesson 3

LO: I am learning about changes in autumn and winter.

Substantive Knowledge

- Autumn: leaves fall, weather gets cooler.
- Winter: colder, sometimes snow, trees are bare.
- In hot countries like India, leaves may stay on trees when ours fall.

Disciplinary Knowledge

- Observe changes outdoors.
- Begin to compare with pictures of other countries.

Vocabulary:

- *Season*★ – a part of the year with different weather.

- Autumn (leaves fall), winter (coldest season), snow (frozen water falling), leaf (flat part of a plant).

Reception

Lesson 4

LO: I am learning to name and describe the four seasons.

Substantive Knowledge	Disciplinary Knowledge
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leicester has four seasons: spring, summer, autumn, winter. • Each season has different weather and nature changes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sort and sequence pictures of seasons. • Use time words like “first” and “next”.

Vocabulary:

- *Season*★ – a part of the year with its own weather.
- Spring (flowers grow), summer (hottest season), autumn (leaves fall), winter (coldest season).
- Nature – everything in the world that is not made by people, like trees, flowers, animals and even the sky and the water.

Lesson 5 – may need moving to a whole new unit

LO: I am learning how plants and animals change with the seasons.

Substantive Knowledge	Disciplinary Knowledge
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In Leicester: trees lose leaves in autumn, some animals hibernate in winter, flowers and insects return in spring. • In some countries, including hotter countries like India or Australia, some trees keep leaves all year and animals don't need to hibernate. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Observe and record changes in our local area. • Compare with photographs from India or Australia.

Vocabulary:

- *Change*★ – when something becomes different.
- Tree (big plant with trunk), hibernate (animals sleep through winter), flower (colourful part of plant), leaf (flat part of plant).

Lesson 6

LO: I am learning how to stay safe in sun, rain, wind, and snow.

Substantive Knowledge	Disciplinary Knowledge
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In Leicester: coats for rain, hats and water for sun, boots for snow. • In very hot countries like India or Australia, people drink lots of water, rest in shade and wear light clothes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suggest safety rules for each kind of weather. • Explain choices: “We wear... because...”

Vocabulary:

- *Safe*★ – when we are protected from harm.

- Water (drink for body), umbrella (cover from rain), boots (shoes for wet/cold), shade (cool place out of the sun).

Lesson 7

LO: I am learning that the weather is not the same everywhere.

Unit question: Is the weather the same everywhere in the world?

Substantive Knowledge	Disciplinary Knowledge
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leicester has cold winters and four seasons. <p>India</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • India is usually hot for lots of the year. • There is a special rainy time called the monsoon, when it rains a lot. • In winter, some places get cooler but not as cold as here. • People often use fans or stay in the shade to keep cool. <p>Australia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Australia is often sunny and warm. • When it is winter here, it is summer in Australia (their seasons are opposite to ours). • Australia can have very hot days, especially in summer. • Some places get rain but not usually as much rain as in India (India's monsoon). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compare Leicester's weather with India or Australia. • Begin to use "similar" and "different".

Vocabulary:

- *Hot*★ – when the air feels very warm.
- Cold (chilly air), rainy (lots of water falls), dry (little or no rain), world (our big planet where we all live).