

Activity	Months of the Year		
Key:	Due the various abilities of our children we have graded some of the activities into different levels.	Contact details:	schools@cdssgroup.org.uk
Seeds	Your child may access different levels depending on the activity as well as their ability.		All Education Advocates access this email.
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Brief description of Activity

We have covered the days of the week in a previous activity so we will continue to look at the passage of time with the months of the year.

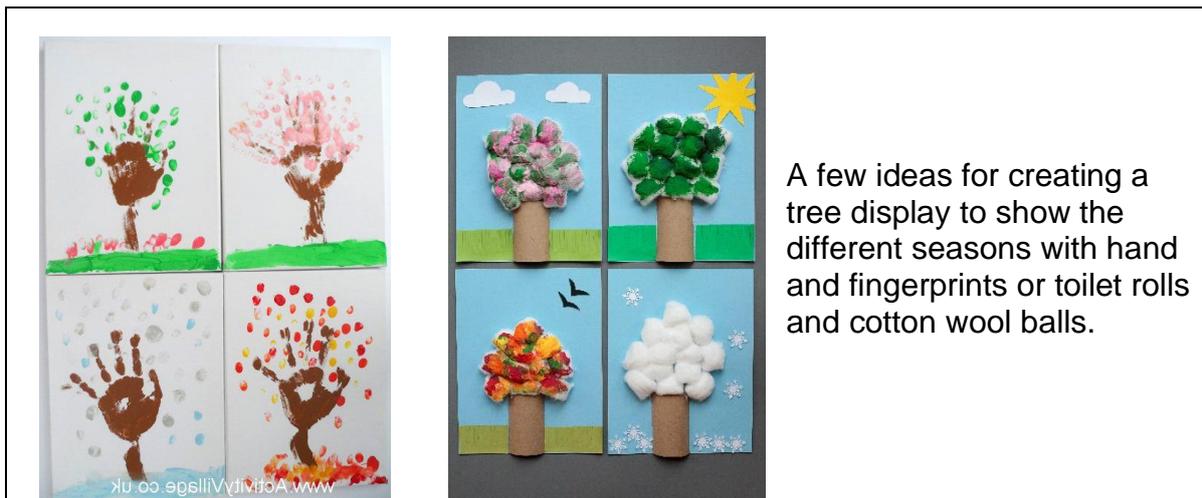
Activity: Seeds

Once your child is familiar with the days of the week you can go on to talk about the months of the year and increase their knowledge of the passage of time. There are lots of songs to introduce the months of the year, you can try this one below.



"Oh My Darling, Clementine" is the tune you will use for this fun song. Singing is a great way to learn as the repetition of the song helps a child to memorize the words.

There are 12 months, there are 12 months,
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 January, February, March, and April
 May, June, and July,
 August, September,
 October, November,
 after December, start again!



A few ideas for creating a tree display to show the different seasons with hand and fingerprints or toilet rolls and cotton wool balls.

Activity: Saplings and Trees

Print out the yearly calendar and find today's date. If you have been talking about the days of the week, introduce the date and month. Point out when their birthday is. When are other family members' birthdays?

Are there any special events coming up? How many sleeps until that date? Will you count in sleeps/days or is it a long time away so you will have to count in months.

Look at the months of the year poster and talk about what happens in each month.

Introduce the seasons and use the activity sheets attached to talk about the different seasons we have in our country.

Below are some links to images from different seasons in the year.



Spring - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0Z-iG-o5uOo>

Summer - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w12ZbGBWZ_k

Autumn - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g7w2RVRbhhI>

Winter - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X0Bv6hchrg0>

Can you put the months of the year in the right order?

Can you put the months of the year with the correct season?

You can use the activity we described in a previous activity to play a game with the months of the year. Write them onto post-it notes, stick to the window then see if you move them from one side of the window to the other in the correct order. Time how quickly you can do it, who can do it the quickest?

Alternatively, you could use the flashcards and blu-tac them to the window.

Attachments:

2020 calendar

Months of the year poster

Months of the year flashcards
Seasons cut and stick
Seasons matching
Seasons wheel
Months wordsearch

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