

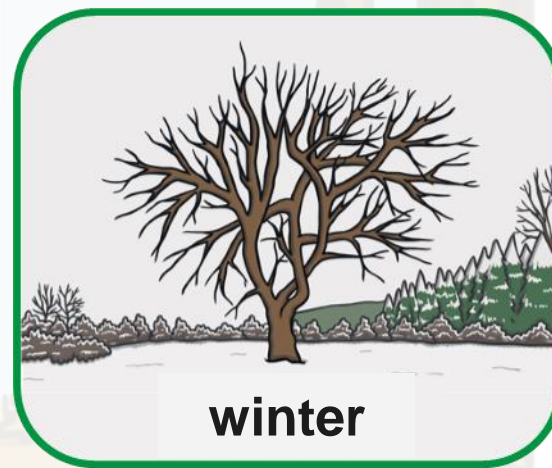
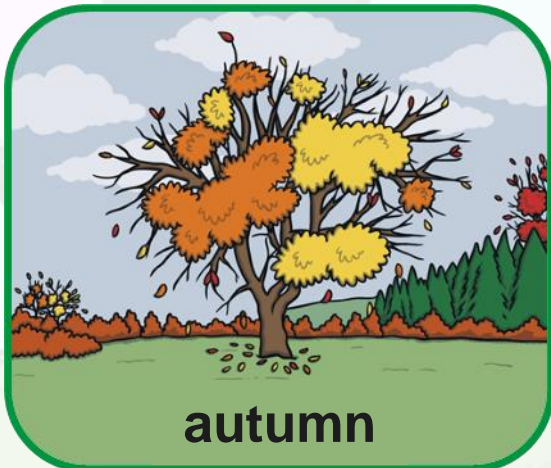
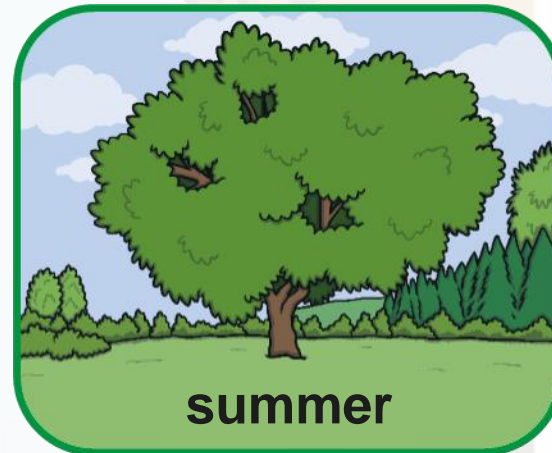
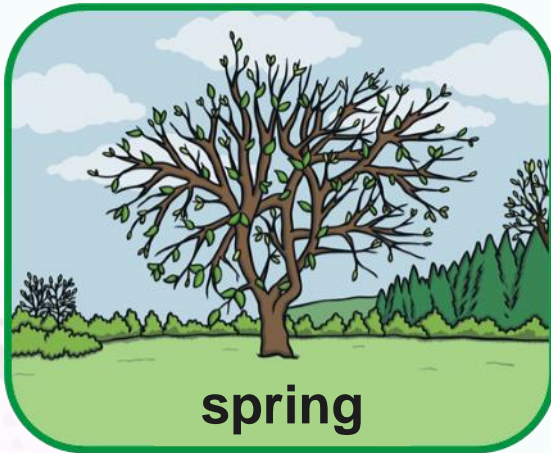
Vivaldi's Four Seasons



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The Seasons

We have four seasons in a year. Can you name them?



Vivaldi



We are going to listen to music by a composer called Antonio Vivaldi.

A composer is someone who writes music.

The Four Seasons

Vivaldi wrote a piece of music called 'The Four Seasons'. It's actually four pieces of music, one about each season.

We are going to listen to at least [one of these pieces now](#).

What seasons are being played?

Do you think the music sounds like these seasons? Why?

Spring

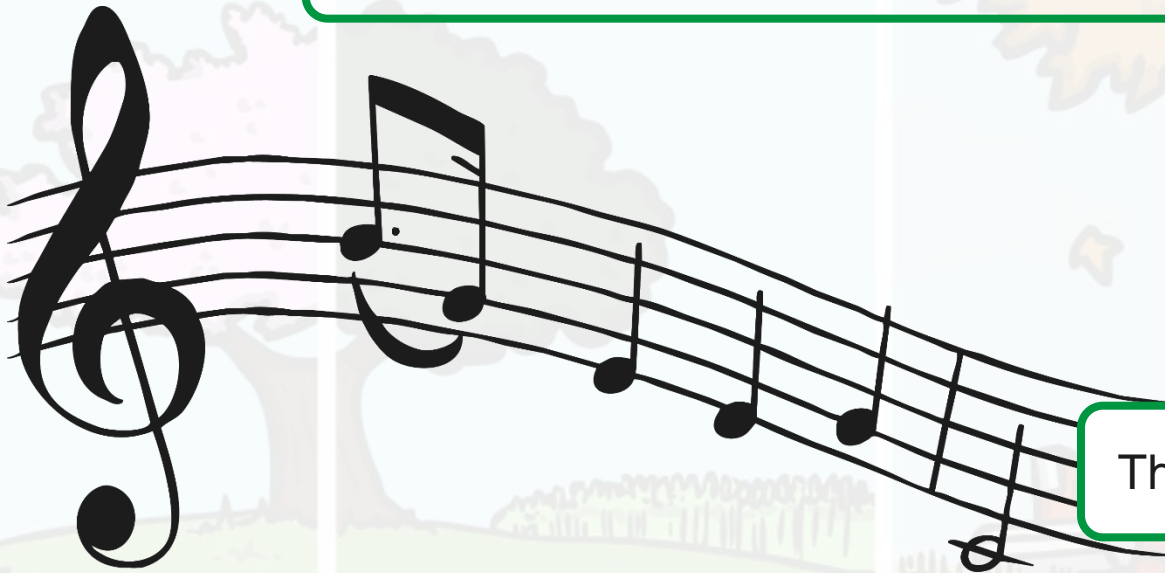
The first music piece played is called 'Spring'.



Tempo

The word tempo means the speed of the music – is it fast, slow or somewhere in the middle?

How would you describe the tempo of 'Spring'?



The music is quite fast.

Be a Conductor

A conductor is someone who stands in front of an orchestra and helps them play at the correct tempo. The conductor will wave their hands, or sometimes a stick called a baton.



You are going to be a conductor. Move your arm up and down in time to the music. Try to keep in time!

Dynamics

Dynamics describe the volume of music; loud or quiet, although in music, we say 'soft' instead of 'quiet'.

The dynamics of 'Spring' change through the piece.



Listen to the music again. When the music gets loud, put your hands out wide in the air. When the music gets softer, pull your hands in close to show the change.

Be an Artist!

Vivaldi uses music to describe spring.
Now you are going to create a piece of artwork based on his music.

Think about what colours you should use – bright or dull? What colours do you see a lot of in spring?



What else will you include in your picture? Animals? Plants? People?



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