

# Splendid Skies



These activities are for you to do at home with an adult. You can do all of them or choose the ones that you find most interesting.

## Activities

1. Weather forecasts use symbols on maps to tell people what the weather will be like where they live. Design weather symbols for the different types of weather listed.

cloud	fog	hail	rain	snow
sun and cloud	sun and rain	thunder and lightning	wind	

2. Learn about the current season by going for a walk in your locality. Talk about the weather and spot and photograph seasonal features, such as icicles, buds, summer flowers, or nuts and seeds. Afterwards, draw a map of your walk, including pictures to show what you saw and where you saw it. Write a few sentences to recount your walk.
3. Look at an information book or age-appropriate videos and websites online with an adult to learn more about the weather and seasons. Write one or more fascinating facts to show something that you have learned after reading and listening. Draw a picture to match your fascinating facts.
4. Fold a piece of paper into four quarters – one quarter for each of the seasons. Use what you know about the seasons to draw a picture in each section. Include the weather and what the trees and other plants look like. You might also like to include animals in your pictures. Give each section a title and write a short description.



5. Think about the equipment, footwear and clothing that people need during the different seasons. Record your results in lists or as a table.
6. Create a weather station in your outside space. Include a rain gauge, outdoor thermometer and windsock or wind vane. Instructions for making simple weather station equipment can be found online. Use your weather station and other observations to record the weather each day. Show your results to a family member and answer their questions about the wettest, driest, coldest, hottest and windiest days.
7. Create a piece of artwork or craft on the theme of weather or the seasons. Ideas include a painting or collage, or you might like to make a kite or wind chimes. Instructions are available online.
8. Print off a blank world map and complete the tasks listed. Use an atlas, information book and the internet to help.
  - Draw the equator.
  - Label the world's seven continents.
  - Label the world's five oceans.
  - Label the Northern Hemisphere.
  - Label the Southern Hemisphere.
  - Colour in and label some hot countries.
  - Colour in and label some cold countries.
9. Finish your home learning by writing some sentences or explaining to an adult what you have learned about weather, the seasons and hot and cold places of the world.



## Useful websites

Met Office – What does this forecast mean?

DKfindout! – What is weather?

DKfindout! – What is a season?

BBC Teach – The changing seasons – Science KS1/KS2

BBC Bitesize – Explore the world – KS1 Geography

## Good reads

Title	Author	ISBN
Weather and the Seasons	DK	9780241312209
Outdoor Science: Weather	Sonya Newland	9781526309440
Cyril the Lonely Cloud	Tim Hopgood	9780192767592
Fact Cat: Seasons	Izzi Howell	9781526305343
Stories for every Season	Enid Blyton	9781444950892
Usborne Lift-the-flap: Picture Atlas	Alex Frith	9780746098479

