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Overview

For this task the children will learn what happens to trees in each of the four seasons by playing a game called ‘The Tree Season Game’.

Preparation Before The Meeting

1. Print and cut out a copy of the trees – found in this document – you need a complete set for each team of four. Don’t keep them with their label the children shouldn’t see that it’s just for you. (print an entire set for you to use as your answers don’t cut them)
2. Print out the blank tables (don’t cut them) – found in this document – you need a complete set for each team of four

Materials Needed

- Tree picture cards see above

Preparation At The Meeting

1. Lay out the sets of trees in separate areas of the room parallel to each team. They should be far enough away that the children have to walk a good few paces to get to the pictures

Directions/Leader Speak

1. **Speak** - Tonight we are going to start the ‘Gardener Badge’. We’ve got some fun games and activities for you to do. The first task is to find out what happens to trees in each of the four seasons
2. **Speak** - Who can name a season?
3. **Direction** - Choose a child and praise. Then ask three more children to get the other three seasons (Spring, Summer, Autumn, Winter)
4. **Speak** - A tree looks different in each season for example, in the Spring an apple tree will start to sprout their leaves and show lots of flowers, in Summer the tree will start to show its fruit, towards the end of summer and into Autumn you can pick the apples off the tree. In late Autumn the leaves will start to change colour and drop off. Then in Winter the trees will rest and have no leaves at all. This cycle is generally true for many trees
5. **Speak** - We’re going to play the ‘The Tree Season Game’ now and I’m going to put you into teams of four
6. **Speak** - I will call out a season. And the name of a type of tree let’s say ‘Apple Tree’
7. **Direction** - So you would say “Find an Apple tree that’s growing in the Spring”
8. **Speak** - Two people at a time from each team must go and find the matching picture bring it back to your place and place it on the blank sheets that on its

correct name. For example, if I ask you to find an apple tree in summer you would place it on the blank apple tree table

9. **Direction** – Let the children know what set it theirs
10. **Speak** – When I shout out the next tree the other two children in the team have their turn
11. **Speak** – When I've called out all the trees and their seasons I will come round and check how many you got correct. Your team will gain two points fo each correct tree
12. **Speak** - The team with the most points at the end are the winners
13. **Direction** – Call out all the trees and seasons you have, then add up their points at the end. If you find that the teams got many of them wrong play another round.

Apple Tree	
Spring	Summer
	
Autumn	Winter
	

Horse-Chestnut Tree	
Spring	Summer
	
Autumn	Winter
	

Silver Birch Tree	
Spring	Summer
	
Autumn	Winter
	
Oak Tree	
Spring	Summer
	
Autumn	Winter
	

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