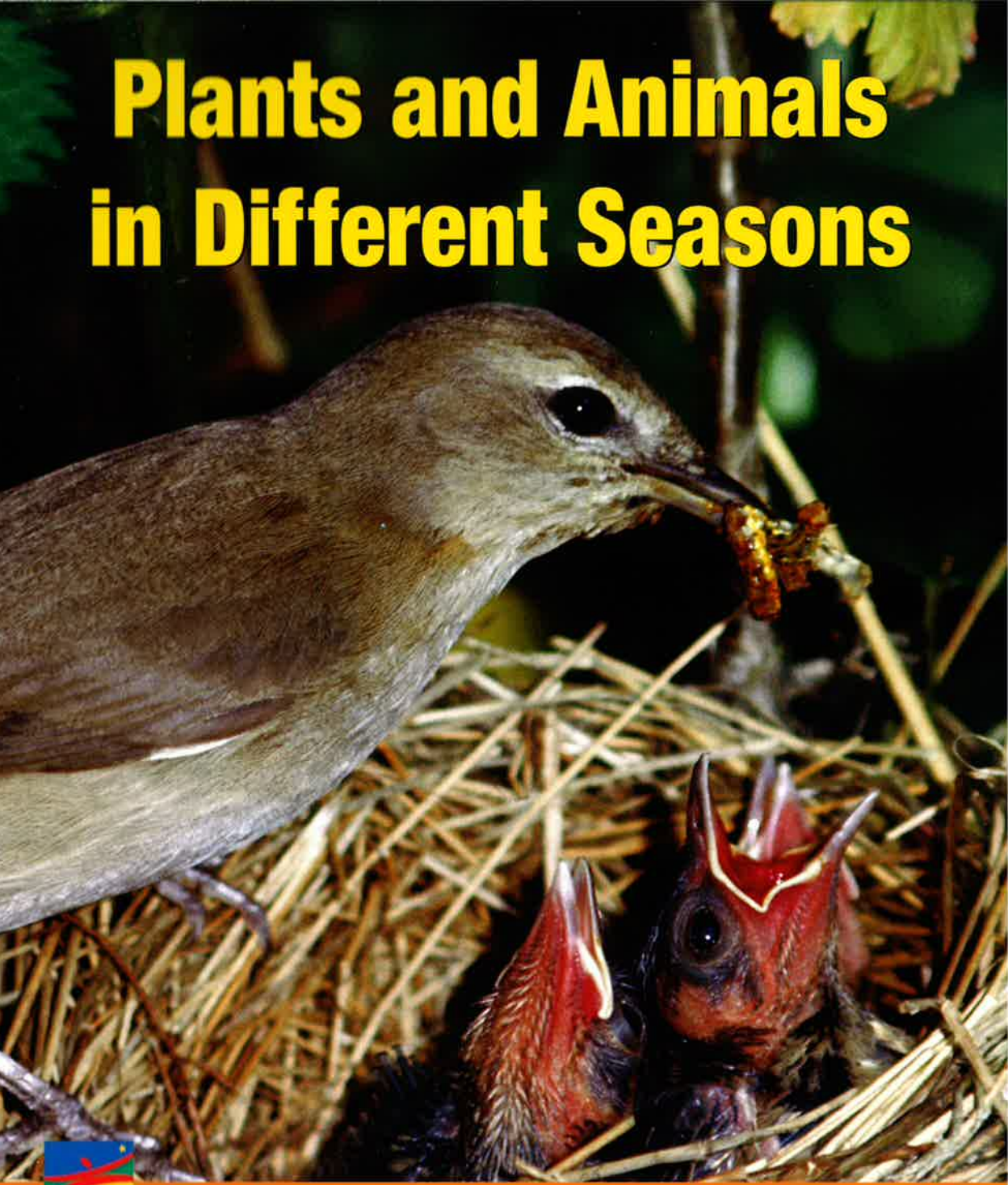
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The Big Idea

This book is about the ways in which the four seasons impact the life processes and behaviors of plants and animals.

Skills at a Glance

Monitor-Reading:
- Ask questions

Comprehension:
- Identify cause and effect

Phonics:
- Long i digraphs (find, night, sunlight, times)

Fluency:
- Read bold words

Tier Two Vocabulary:
- drop, fat, hatch, large(r), produce, sprout

Tier Three Vocabulary:
- air, babies, days, eggs, fall, flowers, freezes, fur, nests, nights, seasons, snow, spring, summer, sunlight, temperature, weather, winter, year

Grammar, Word Study, and Language Development:
- Use antonyms (day/night, hottest/coldest, long(er)/short(er), warmer/cooler)
- Use prepositions (during, from)

Sentence Pattern:
- _____ because _____.

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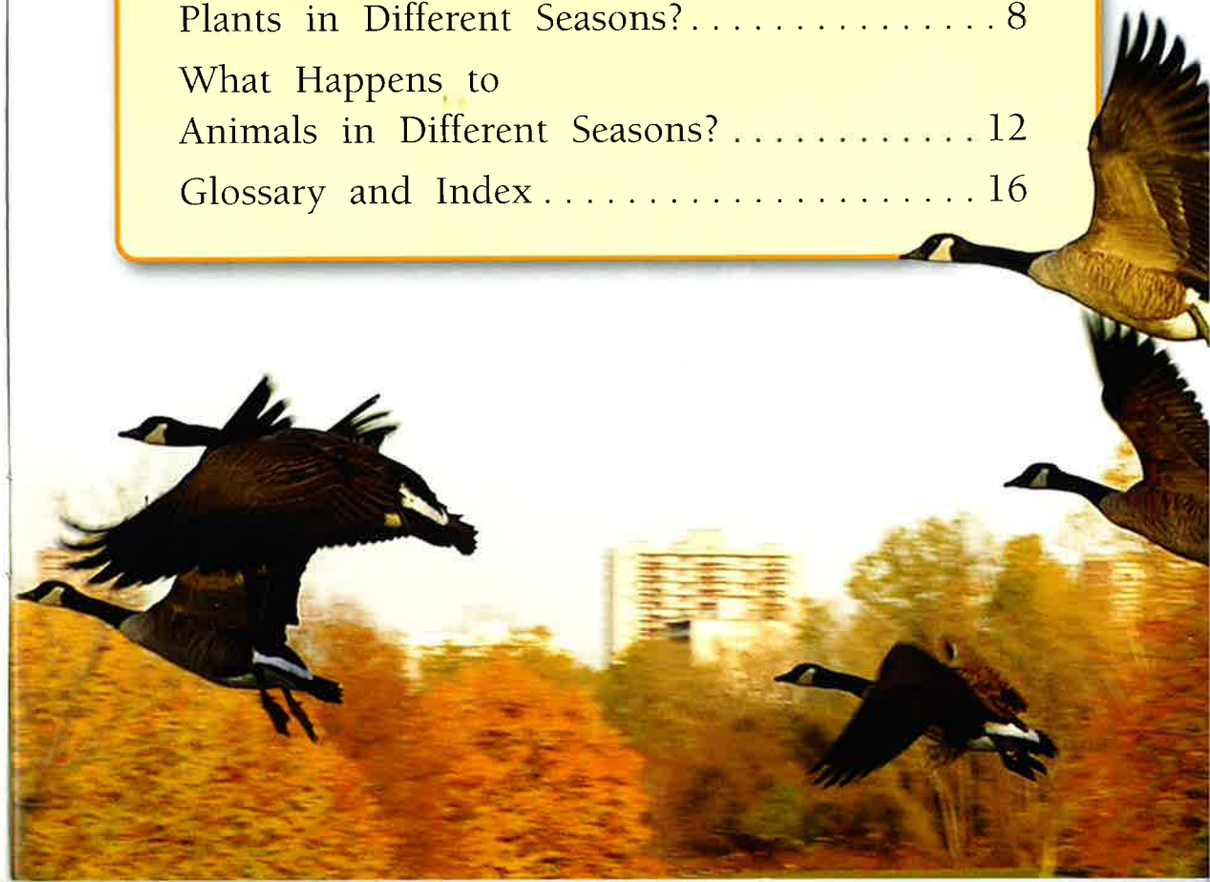
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I need to know these words.

flowers



nests



seasons



sunlight



temperature



weather



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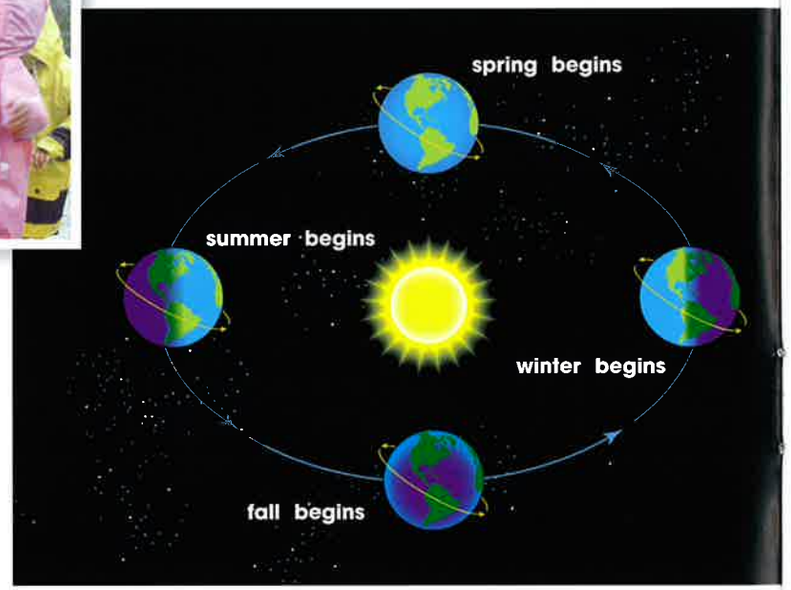
What Are Seasons?

Seasons are different times of the year. The **weather** changes in different seasons.

Spring is a warmer season. Spring can be wet, too. Some places get large amounts of rain. The days get longer in spring because we have more **sunlight**.



▲ These children play in the rain.



▲ the four seasons

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Summer comes after spring. The **temperature** is hottest in summer.

The days are very long in summer. The nights are short because the days are very long.



▲ These children play at the beach.

Fall comes after summer. Fall is cooler than summer. The air starts to feel cooler because the temperature gets lower.

The days get shorter in fall. The nights get longer because the days get shorter.



▲ These children play in the leaves.

Winter is the coldest season of the year. The temperature is coldest. Water freezes and becomes ice in some places. We can see snow in winter.

Winter has the shortest days of the year. Night comes early when we have less sunlight.



▲ These children play in the snow.

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What Happens to Plants in Different Seasons?

Plants get more sunlight in spring. Seeds start to sprout, or grow, in spring. **Flowers** start to grow because they have more sunlight. Trees make new leaves.





▲ These flowers are starting to open.



▲ New leaves grow on this tree.

Some plants grow more in summer. Plants get a large amount of sunlight. These plants use the sunlight to make food. Plants use the food to grow. Some plants produce, or make, fruit in summer.



◀ Sunlight helps these flowers grow.



◀ These apples are small in summer. The apples are not ready to eat.

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