

A writing activity from

Grimm & Co



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Out and About: Between Winter and Spring

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Here at Grimm & Co, we've been speaking with many creatures from the magical realm, who feel like the four seasons we use in the mortal realm just don't capture all the amazing things going on in nature all the time! So, we've decided we need to create a new season for this time of year; something that is not quite winter, and not quite spring...do you think you could help us?

You will need:

- A pen and paper to take detailed observations.
- Some warm clothes- it's chilly out there!
- If you're venturing beyond your own house or garden, you may need an adult to come with you while you do your detective work.

Step 1

Tell us about the weather typical to this season. You will need to get outside and look closely. Use all your senses to get a good feel for the weather. You might want to write about:

- The sky- what does the sky look like? What colour is it? If it's grey, what *kind* of grey?
- The air- is it very cold, or breezy, or damp? Remember to use lots of descriptive words!
- The smell- does the air in this season have a distinctive smell? Maybe icy rain, or pancakes?
- The sounds- what can you hear? What sound do your footsteps make on the ground? Try to stand quietly for a whole minute and listen closely.

Step 2

It's time to look at the wildlife. We need to know about the creatures (magical and mortal of course) who can be found in this season. Can you find any cosy nooks where magical creatures might be hibernating? Footprints in the snow or mud? Disturbed leaves? Can you see any evidence that animals are preparing for spring by waking up and building nests?

Step 3

And finally, you'll need to give this season a name. Perhaps you want to name it after some of the things you have already written about, such as animals or weather. Can you come up with a really descriptive name for your new season? To help, maybe write a list of all the adjectives you can think of to describe your season, and pick one to use in your name.

Wow! Thanks for helping us come up with a whole new season! If you enjoyed writing about your new season, remember you can continue to create a calendar with your own special seasons all year round, there's never a bad time to get outside and observe all the amazing things going on.

If you would like to share anything you have written, or even drawings, please tag us on Facebook, Instagram or Twitter on @grimmandco, or even email us directly at writerspad@grimmandco.co.uk, we would love to see what you've come up with!