

Seasons – Spring

Suggested Craft & Activities Use bright colours such as red, yellow, pink green, purple, orange.	Suggested mat time ideas <i>Stories</i>	<i>Songs & games</i>	<i>Questions & discussion starters</i>
<p>CATERPILLARS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Using egg cartons and pipe cleaners - Paper stuffed into old stockings - Hairy caterpillar – planting seeds and watching them grow. <p>BUTTERFLIES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Butterfly painting or prints - Make butterflies with pegs for the body and coloured paper for the wings - Fun with stickers on butterflies <p>FLOWERS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Daffodil collage <p>BEES / NEW LIFE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Busy bees - Paste cut out pictures of baby animals - Go outside and look for bird’s nests, new leaves on plants. - Plant flowers from punnets into playgroup garden or in pots to take home <p>WINDY DAYS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bubble blowing - Make wind tunnels with streamers - Make a kite 	<p>SHOW pictures of spring and talk about what you see.</p> <p>Storybooks – ‘Baby Animals’ ‘On the farm’ ‘Things that Grow’ ‘The very hungry caterpillar’</p> <div style="border: 1px solid blue; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p><i>A list of places to find highly recommended songs and storybooks that we have used in this plan can be found at</i> www.cpn.org.au</p> <p><i>For more activity ideas go to</i> www.planetpreschool.com.au</p> </div>	<p>Caterpillars and Butterflies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Song – How does a caterpillar go, Open shut them. <p>New Life</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Songs – Little Peter rabbit had a fly upon his nose, Here is the beehive, This little piggy went to market. - Games – Ring around the Rosie, Round and round the garden. <p>Windy days</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Song - ‘Who has seen the wind...’ - Game – act out being different objects on a windy day eg kite, feather, bird, tree 	<p>Spring is a <u>time of change</u> – winter is a time of rest for some creatures. We all need to rest to help us grow. Some creatures change when they rest – like caterpillars. That is how God planned it.</p> <p>Sometimes <u>God gives us surprises in nature</u>. I have a special surprise to tell you – that sleeping caterpillars turn into butterflies when they wake up. <u>God has made the seasons for us to enjoy</u>. In spring plants grow new leaves and animals have babies. It is getting warmer now and everything seems to be bright and new and waking up. What do you enjoy about spring?</p> <p>Who has seen <u>the wind</u>? The wind is like God – you can’t see it but you can see what it does and feel it. Trees bend, leaves fall, hair moves. What else does the wind do?</p>

These suggested program ideas can be used over a number of weeks in your playgroup term. Go to www.cpn.org.au for the resource pages that have the step by step descriptions of some of these program ideas.