



## Weather forecast

*Learning objective: to learn about the weather in summer and winter.*

### What you need

Neutral and pale blue backing paper; white card; blue card border; white paper; newspaper; grey and white paint; pale yellow paper; yellow tissue paper; scissors; PVA glue and spreaders; stapler, books about weather such as *Weather* by Sally Hewitt in the *It's Science!* series (Franklin Watts).

### What to do

Cover the top half of a display board with neutral and the bottom half with pale blue backing paper. Fix a blue border around the edge. Staple labels for winter and summer to the top and bottom half of the display respectively.

Gather the children around the board and talk about today's weather. Is it sunny or cloudy? Cold or warm? Wet or dry? Explain that the weather is usually very different in winter and summer. Tell the children that it is usually much colder and rainier in winter and the sky is usually much bluer in summer. Let the children watch as you paint white strips across the blue section of the display to represent clouds. Tell the children that they are going to make the dark winter clouds for the top part of the display.

Encourage the children to glue scrunched-up newspaper to cloud shapes and then paint the finished collage grey. When dry, staple to the board. Next, ask the children to make two suns – one for winter and one for summer. Ask a small group to cut a semicircle and thin strips from pale yellow paper. Glue these to the top of

