

## **Seasons of the World**

### **The Earth:**

The Earth circles around the Sun along with the other planets. It takes a whole year to complete one full circle. As the Earth circles round, it is in different positions to the Sun at different times in the year. This causes changes to the number of hours that we see daylight and it also affects the weather. We split these changes up into chunks of time that we call seasons.

### **Seasons: Dry and Rainy Seasons:**

Some countries and continents have dry and rainy seasons instead of spring, summer, autumn and winter. Others have some or all of the four main seasons as well as a dry and wet season.

Rainy seasons are usually a few months long and almost all of the year's rain for that country or continent falls very heavily during this time. This rainy season can also be called monsoons.

Dry seasons are times in the year where hardly any or no rain at all falls. Rivers can dry up completely and it can be difficult to grow crops at this time.

It rains heavily almost all year round in the Amazon. They call June to November the "dry season" because there is less rain and flooding than in the other months of the year.

### **Questions:**

1. What is a season?
2. How many times in a year does the Earth circle around the Sun?
3. What is a rainy season?
4. What is a monsoon?
5. What is a dry season?
6. Is there any rain during the Amazon's dry season?