

SEASONS

DRAMA & PHYSICAL MOVEMENT

Resource for Preschool & Primary Educators

Drama activity relating to the animals/insects in *Seasons* Theatre Show

Activity Outline

- 1 Ask your class to recall all the animals that appear in *Seasons*. (Butterfly, bumblebee, frog, wētā, piwakawaka, tui, lamb, seagull, worm, mosquito, spider, caterpillar, mouse, owl, cicada, grasshopper, fish, shark)
- 2 If possible, look at how animals move. Find the above animals on youtube to show the children.
- 3 Choose one of the animals that appears in *Seasons*. Now ask the children to try moving around like the animal you have chosen.
- 4 How many different ways can a frog jump, a butterfly fly, or a bumblebee buzz? How many different ways of jumping can they come up with?





Extension

- Make the sounds that the animal makes.
- Put children into groups and run some relays in the different animal movements - spider walk, frog jump, butterfly, seagull, worm.
- Play musical statues with the animal movements.

Outcome

- Drama and Physical Movement to develop an awareness of their bodies.
- The children will be able to move their bodies like the animals in *Seasons*.

You will need:

- The children and some classical music. *Spring* from Vivaldi's Four Seasons is a good choice.