

JUMPING MATH

Vanya, a second-grader, infatuated, prepares books for math class, looks longingly out the window, and sighs.

Maya, a temperamental teacher, flips through a math textbook and admires the beautiful sunny day.

Maya (with a contented sigh): Finally, the sun. Everything is green and birds are singing. It is so nice. Vanya, what's wrong with you? Are you again absent-minded...

Vanya: Everything is fine. The notebook is ready. But why mathematics when it's such a beautiful day? I know, we have to practice, but that multiplication and division are really boring. It's summer outside, and we're looking at some numbers on paper...

Maya: Wait a minute, what do you mean summer? Do you know what season it is now? We talked yesterday in class... But you were all a bit tired... that spring fatigue started to bother the children too...

Maya puts the textbook down on the desk, clapped her hands, and cheerfully says: Everyone put your notebooks away. We're changing the plan. Today we're going to make that math of ours run and jump and have a lot of fun.

First, we must organize into groups. I want to see suns, pumpkins, snowflakes, and flowers.

Murmurs in the classroom. The children are a little confused, but they are already starting to argue about who is a pumpkin and who is a flower...

Maya: No, I'm going to tell you how to divide into groups. Does everyone know when this/her birthday is?

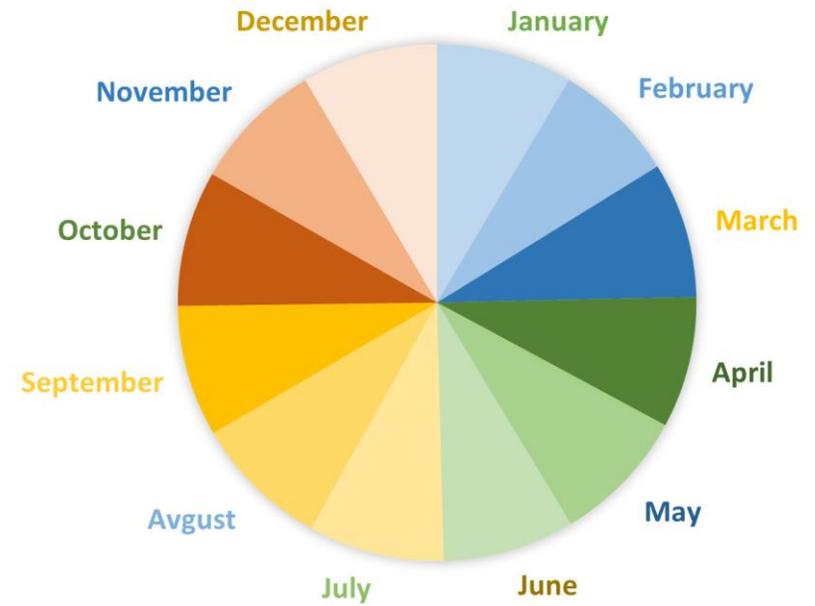
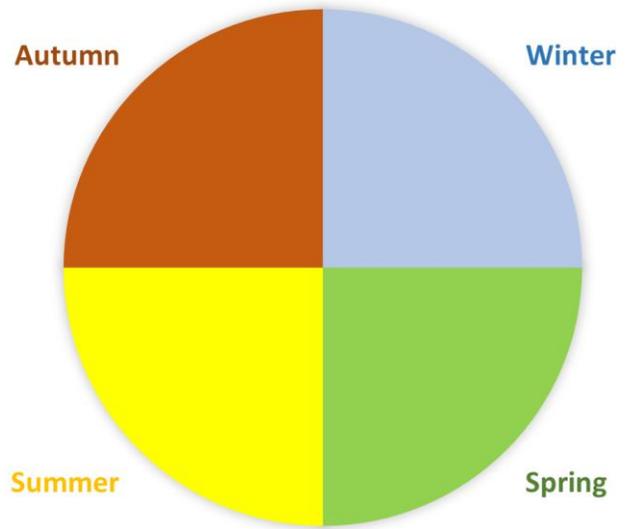
A chorus of "We know!" echoes throughout the classroom.

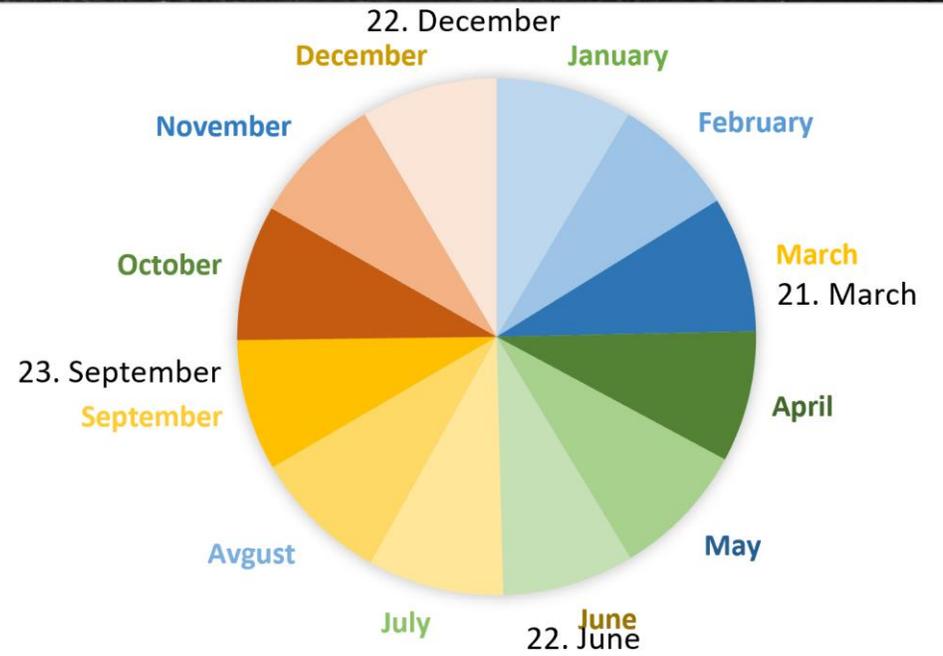
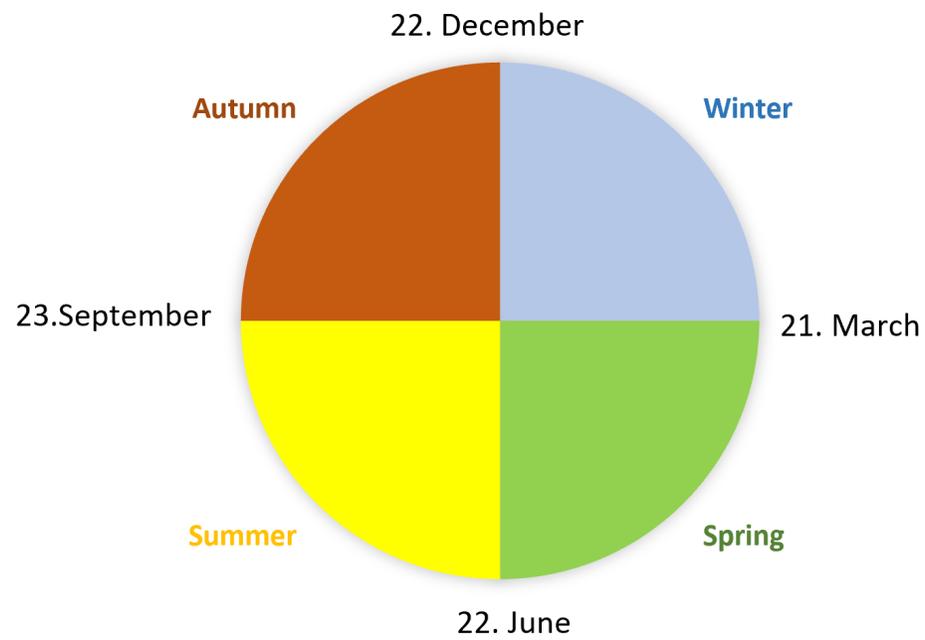
Maya: And do you know what seasons there are and when each season begins? We talked about it yesterday...

A less convincing "We know..." is coming.

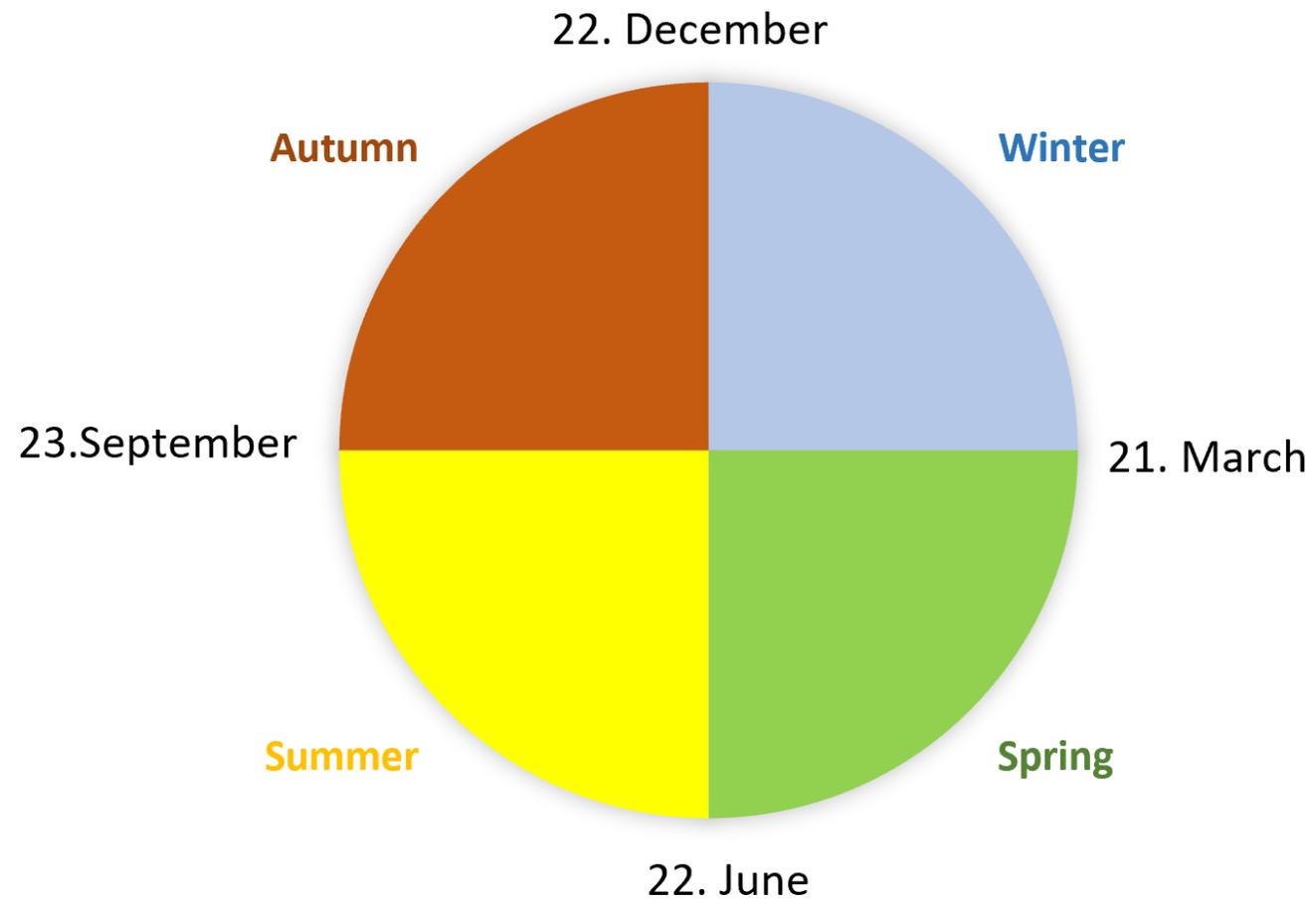
Vanya: Let me guess, I was wrong when I said it was summer.

Maya: That's right. Don't worry, it's not terrible, now we will repeat and learn. Today is a beautiful spring day as if made for such a task.





Maya: Let's organize you into teams.



Vanya: I got it! Snowflakes are those who were born in winter! Alas, I am a flower. My birthday is in April.

Maya: Well done! And now everyone to the yard! And take these tables. You will need to record the results.