

# Lesson Plan

## Grade R Term 4

These Lesson Plans are CAPS-aligned  
with learning opportunities presented in: **Life Skills**  
*Beginning Knowledge and Personal and Social Well-being*

TOPIC: **Spring** – How animals are affected

NOTE TO TEACHER

Refer to *Animals and the Seasons* [HERE](#)

TOPIC: **Birds**

- Different types of birds
- Birds that cannot fly

NOTE TO TEACHER

Refer to *I'm a very special modern-day Dinosaur* [HERE](#)



# TOPIC: Spring — How animals are affected

Note  
to  
Teacher

*Encourage the children to learn  
the following two poems*

*Prompt class discussion in regard  
to their own experience of Spring.*

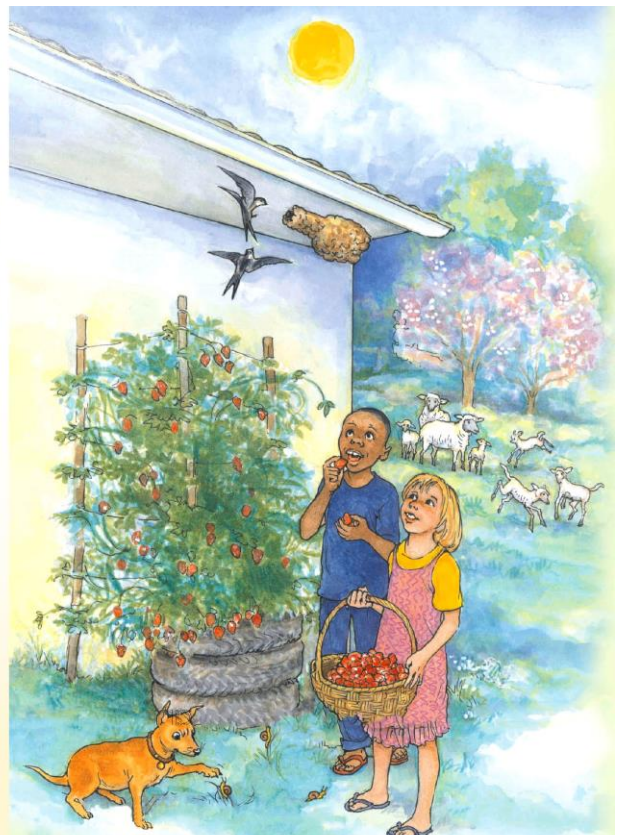
## Poem 1

Some say **Spring is the best time of year**  
Birds that flew off when **Winter** was near  
Fly back now to join us in **time for the sun**  
We peel off our jerseys and **join in the fun**  
There are lambs in the fields and  
baby birds in the nest

**It's a time of new birth, new beginnings...**

And for me...

**It's the best !**



## Poem 2

My fluffy dog **needs brushing**  
His winter coat's **too hairy**  
And I've swopped my **woolly jersey**  
For a shirt that's **cool and airy**



**Discuss the many aspects of Spring  
and how animals are affected**

### Seasonal migration of birds.



Swallows are migratory birds.  
They fly between Europe and  
South Africa every year.

**[Research why they do this.]**



## Discuss the many aspects of Spring and how animals are affected

### Nest building.

Nest building is part of Spring. Swallows and Weaver birds are some of Nature's best architects when it comes to building a home.

Swallows use mud.  
Weaver birds use grass.



*[Research nest building by other birds as well.]*



## Discuss the many aspects of Spring and how animals <sup>and plants</sup> are affected

### Lambs

Lambs and most other mammals are born in Spring. Mother sheep are called ewes and often give birth to twins.

### Flowers

Flowers start blooming in Spring to attract bees.

### Grooming our pets

Pets need special grooming in Spring as their winter coats fall out.

# TOPIC: Birds

Refer to *I'm a very special modern-day Dinosaur* [HERE](#)

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- Birds that cannot fly

did you  
KNOW?

There are **many thousands of species of birds**, and they all have beaks, feathers, wings, two legs and lay eggs.

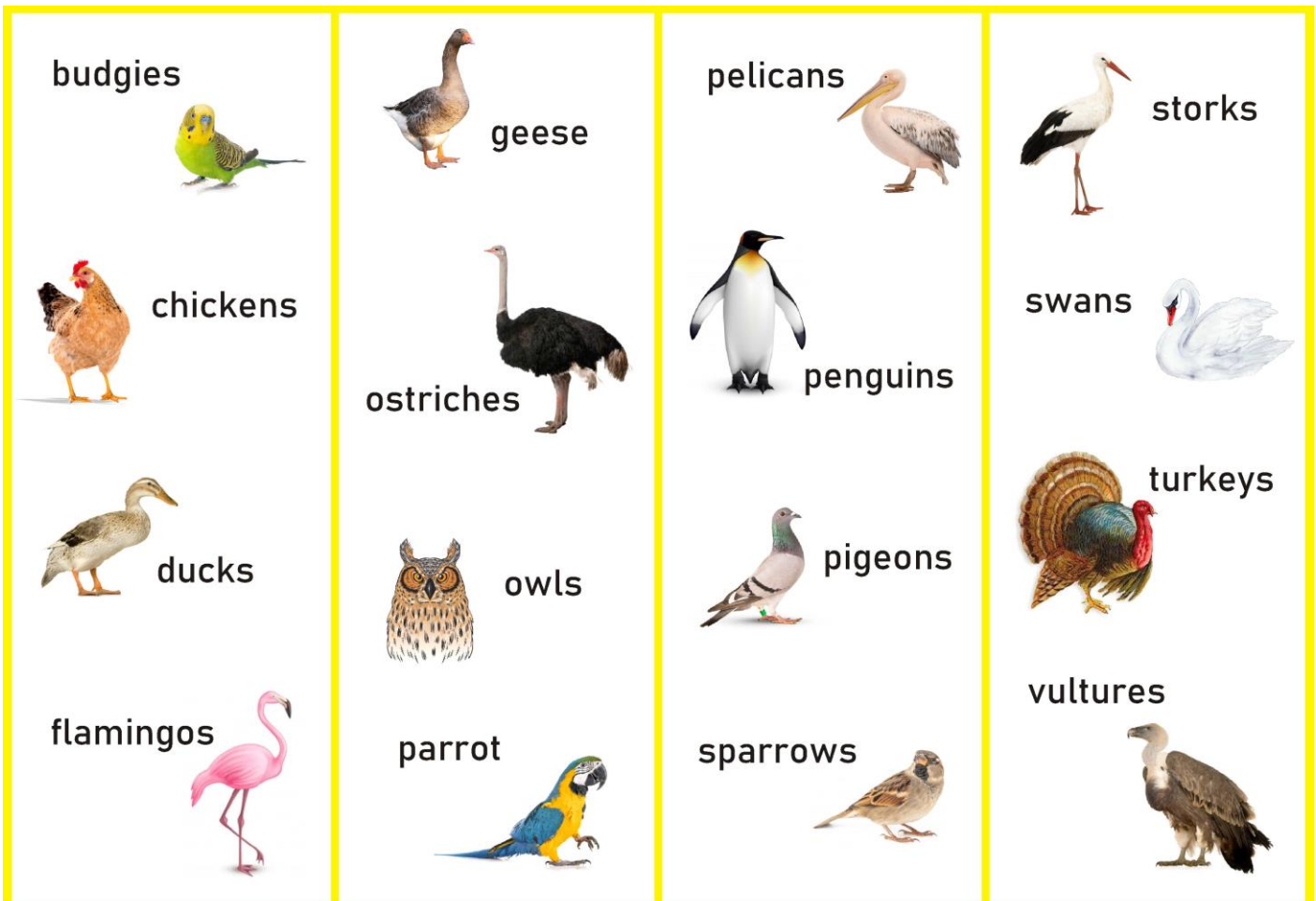
LOOK AT THE PICTURE BELOW

**!** Investigate

Two of the birds cannot fly.

One can "fly" through water and the other cannot fly at all.

Can you find them?

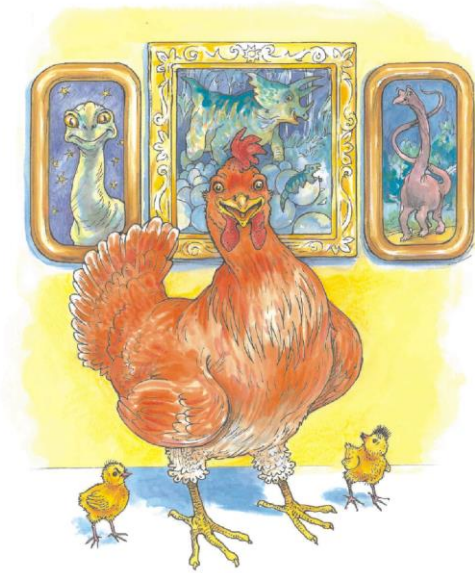


did you  
**KNOW?**

...that all birds are distant  
relatives of dinosaurs?

**Note to  
Teacher**

**Read this story  
to the children**



I'm a very  
special modern-day  
**dinosaur!**