

Incorporating Kids InfoBits into a Lesson on the Seasons (Grade 1 Science)

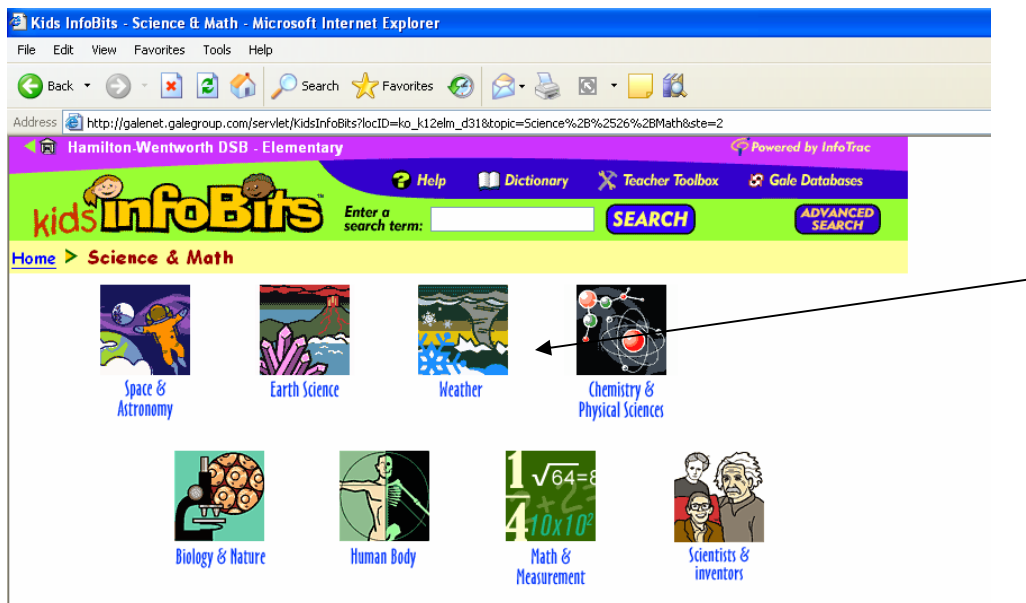
Assignment: Students will find a magazine article and a picture about a season of their choice and print them to put in a presentation folder.

Initial preparation

- Open **Kid InfoBits** and select **Science & Math**.



- On the Science & Math page, all of the seasons are under **Weather**.



- Weather topics are listed in alphabetical order. Each of the seasons (Autumn, Spring, Summer, Winter) is listed among the topics.
- When you click on a topic, the window that opens has six tabs across the top:
 - Reference (articles from reference materials like encyclopedias)
 - Magazines (articles from magazines)

- Newspapers (articles from newspapers)
- Maps, Flags & Seals
- Charts & Graphs
- Images

Note: The Reference tab is open by default.

Note: Not all topics have documents under every tab. Tabs that have documents change colour when you hover the mouse pointer over them.

The screenshot shows the Kids InfoBits website interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with 'Home > Science & Math > Weather > Autumn'. Below this is a search bar with 'SEARCH', 'SEARCH HISTORY', and 'ADVANCED SEARCH' buttons. A row of tabs is visible: Reference (highlighted in light blue), Magazines (orange), Newspapers (pink), Maps, Flags & Seals (green), Charts & Graphs (light green), and Images (yellow). The main content area shows 'This page shows items 1-2 of 2.' and 'Page: 1'. There are two search results listed, both titled '"Autumn."' and marked as 'Topic Overview'. Each result has a small camera icon next to it, indicating a picture is included.

- View the documents under the **Magazines** and **Images** tabs for all of the season headings so that you are comfortable with the content and the navigation tools. *This is important so that you will not be surprised by anything. For example, when you select **Spring**, the picture under the **Images** tab is of a spring roll!!! Don't panic; the **Reference** tab has documents with pictures the students can print.*
- Things to note while viewing:
 - Reading level difficulty is indicated by a symbol.
 - The presence of a picture in a document is indicated by a small camera icon.
 - The title of the document is hyperlinked so that you can click on it to see the full text.
 - Some magazine documents can be displayed, printed and saved in PDF. A small Adobe icon indicates when this is possible to do.

This screenshot is similar to the previous one but shows more search results. It displays 'This page shows items 1-10 of 54.' and 'Page: 1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5 - 6'. The first search result is '"Fletcher and the Falling Leaves."' (autumn) Rawlinson, Julia, from *Children's Playmate* Nov-Dec 2006 v78 i6 p9(1). This result has a green reading level indicator, a camera icon, and a small Adobe PDF icon. A black arrow points from the right side of the page towards the Adobe icon.

- Practice printing documents.
 - Printing a picture:
 - Pictures are found under the **Images** tab. To print, select the desired picture from the list. When the picture displays, click the **Print** icon located in the top left corner of the window.



- If the picture is in a document under the **Reference** tab, click the picture to enlarge it. Then click the **Print** icon in the top left corner of the window.
 - Printing a magazine article:
 - Select the document you want to print from the list under the **Magazines** tab. Click the **Print** icon in the top left corner of the window.
 - If the document has a PDF option, why not print that? It will be an exact representation of how the article looked when printed in the magazine. To do this click the **PDF** icon beside the document in the list under the **Magazine** tab. The document will open in PDF (may take a moment or two). Click the Print icon in the Adobe window.

