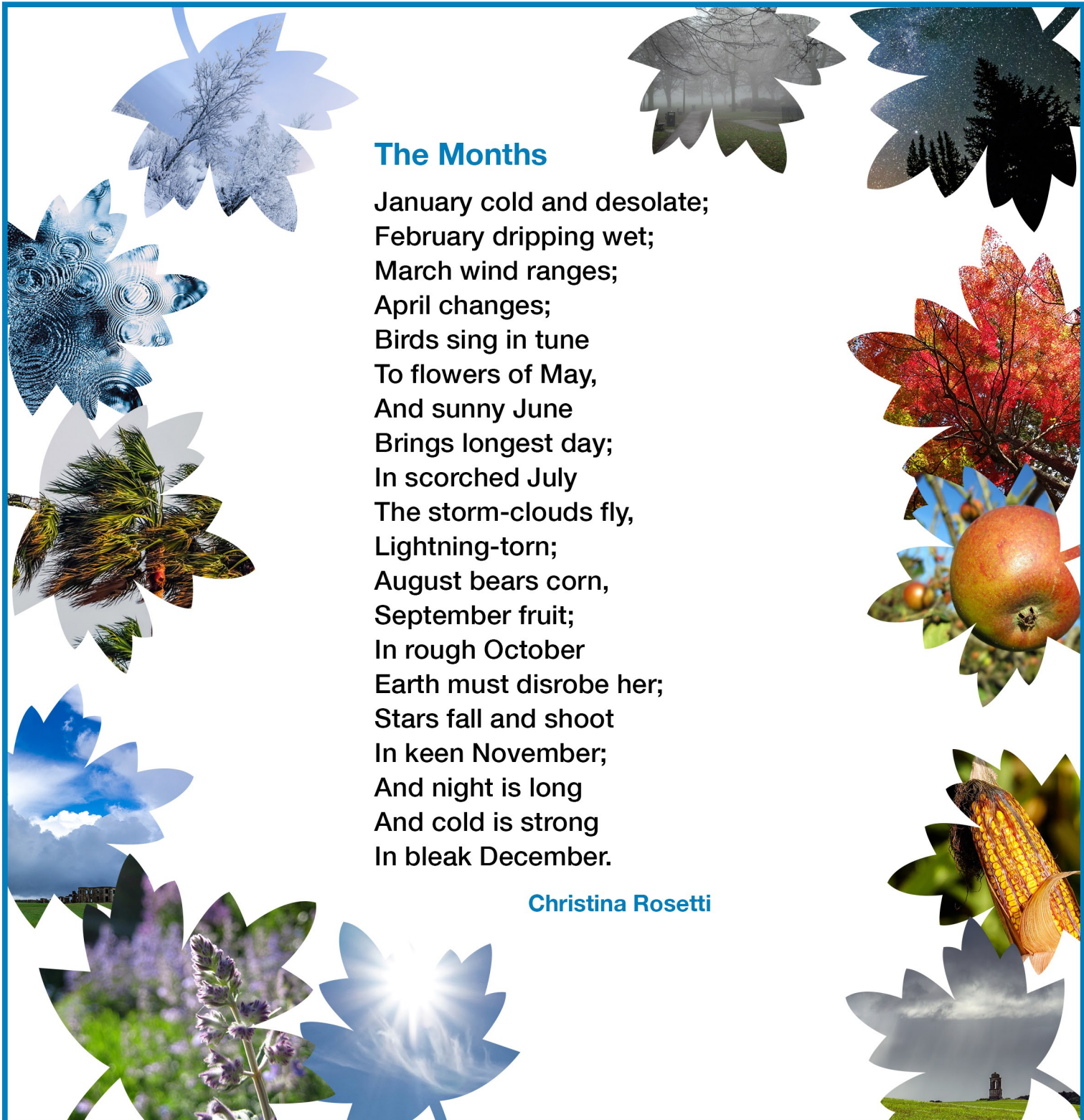


# Sowing Seeds

## S4. What seeds need

Seeds need water, air and the correct temperature (usually a little warmth) to germinate, and many seeds need light too. This activity will help you to understand how the seasons change and why spring is the ideal time to sow most seeds.

Listen to 'The Months' by Christina Rosetti in the **ETGSEEDS4** folder then answer the questions.



### The Months

January cold and desolate;  
 February dripping wet;  
 March wind ranges;  
 April changes;  
 Birds sing in tune  
 To flowers of May,  
 And sunny June  
 Brings longest day;  
 In scorched July  
 The storm-clouds fly,  
 Lightning-torn;  
 August bears corn,  
 September fruit;  
 In rough October  
 Earth must disrobe her;  
 Stars fall and shoot  
 In keen November;  
 And night is long  
 And cold is strong  
 In bleak December.

Christina Rosetti

# Sowing Seeds

## S4. What seeds need (continued)

1. What does the poem tell you about the months?

- each month has different weather
- the weather is the same every month
- some months are different

2. What happens to the day length in spring?

- the days get shorter
- the days stay the same
- the days get longer

3. Which month has most daylight?

- September
- June
- April

4. Why is spring weather good for sowing seeds?

- it is hot and dry
- it is light and warm with some showers
- it is cold and wet

5. What is the weather like in summer?

- hot and dry
- wet
- windy

# Sowing Seeds

## S4. What seeds need (continued)

6. What do seeds need to germinate?

- heat and air
- water and compost
- water, air and the right temperature

7. Which word describes the spring climate?

- hot
- cold
- mild

8. What is the weather like in winter?

- cold and light
- cold and dark
- dark and warm

9. What is seed germination?

- the first growth of a plant from a seed
- another word for seed sowing
- cleaning a seed to remove germs

10. What happens to many plants in autumn?

- they grow new leaves
- they start growing
- they stop growing and lose leaves