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"WINTER", the fourth and coldest season, begins astronomically at the Winter Solstice (i.e. about Dec.21) when the Sun enters the sign Capricornus, and ends at the Vernal Equinox (i.e. about March 21). In Great Britain the season is popularly held to comprise the months of November, December and January, midwinter being marked by the Shortest Day. A warm period sometimes occurs round about Martinmas (Nov.11) and is known as "St. Martin's Summer." In North America the season includes the months of December, January and February. In the Southern Hemisphere it corresponds with Summer of the Northern Hemisphere."



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