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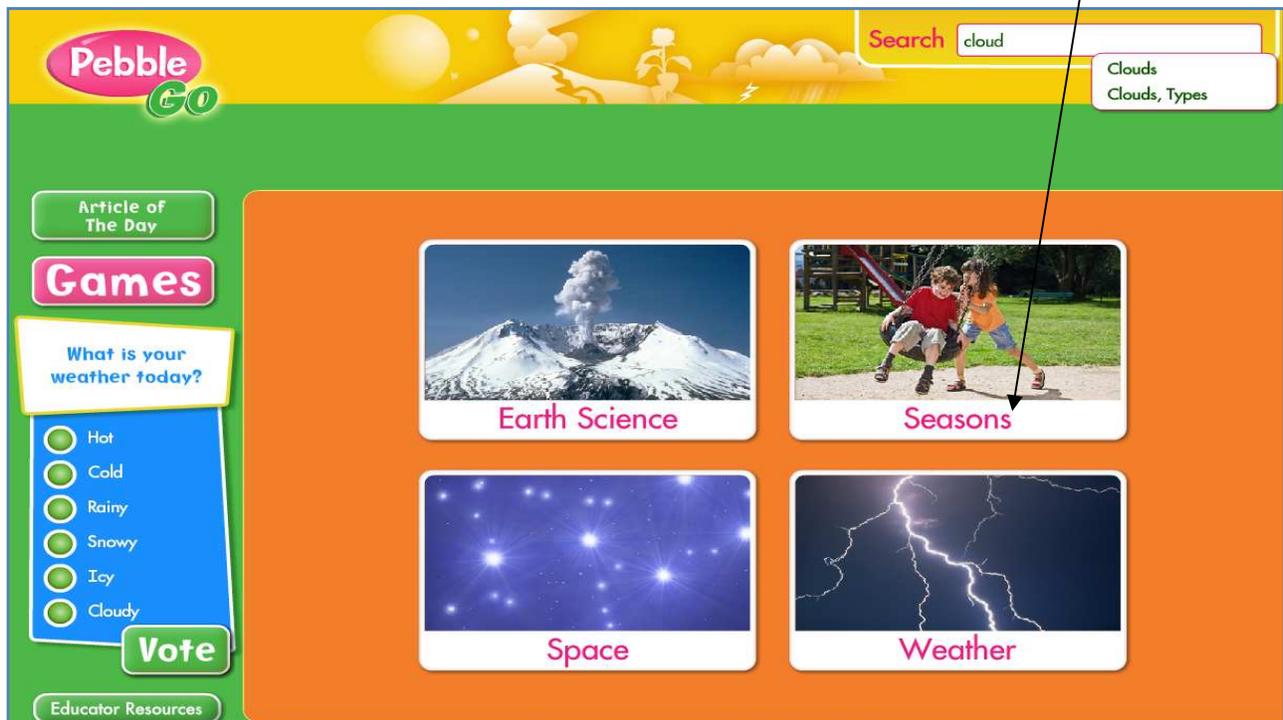
OVERVIEW

PebbleGo comprises two distinct databases: PebbleGo Animals, and PebbleGo Earth and Space. PebbleGo Animals provides in-depth information on over 200 animal topics, while PebbleGo Earth and Space supports the core concepts of earth science, space, seasons, and weather.

We've used databases to teach information literacy skills, but the content is never easily accessible and often not at the appropriate level for early primary students. PebbleGo is a research database specifically for young students (grades 1-3). Nebraska. "The database introduces young students to research concepts with easy-to-use search tools, while assisting emergent readers with leveled texts and reading scaffolds. It provides video clips and sound effects, but it also reads the text to students, highlighting challenging vocabulary and providing definitions.

FEATURES

- Let's explore some of the features in the database. The features are the same in both databases, so we'll practice with the Earth and Space one.
- You can try searching for an article by topic (e.g., cloud types)
- You can pick an Article of the Day or play a game that relate to the content of the database.
- Let's check out the SEASONS component of PebbleGo. Click on the Seasons button.

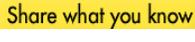


- You will see topics covering the individual seasons as well as one called "What Are Seasons".



- Click on the “What are Seasons” button:
- You will find a brief article in very simple text explaining what the seasons are. The content is very basic, but that’s because it’s aimed at the age 6-8 range.

The screenshot shows a green header with a 'Back' button and a 'What Are Seasons?' title. Below the title are five yellow buttons: 'What Are They?', 'Why Are They Different?', 'How Are They Different?', 'Are They the Same?', and 'Which Season Is First?'. To the left is a 'Read about' sidebar with 'Fall Weather' and 'Spring Weather' buttons. Below that are 'Share what you know', 'Print this article', and 'Cite this article' buttons. The main content area features a speaker icon, a 'Video 1' button, and a 'Video 2' button. The text reads: 'Seasons are parts of a year. Each year has four seasons. They are winter, spring, summer, and fall. Autumn is another name for fall. The weather is different in every season.' To the right is a photo of a village in autumn. A 'Print This' button is at the bottom right.

- Try pushing the speaker button  to listen to the text.
- Try out a video  and find out what fun things you can do during each season.
- The  button brings up a printout where a kid can write down what they’ve learned about the topic, draw a picture about the seasons, etc.
- The  button brings up a printer-friendly version of the article.
- The  button gives citation information about the article.
- The articles also give cross references to other content. In this case, clicking the  button will take you directly to the PebbleGo article on that topic.