

DATE	THEME	YOU NEED TO HELP YOUR CHILD AT HOME WITH THESE IDEAS:
5-8 April	<b>Communication</b>	Explain to your child about the different types of communication. Show your child how e-mails are a big part of communication and in the past letters were used. Play "broken-telephones" with your child showing how messages can be distorted if we don't get the information first hand.
11-14 April	<b>Easter</b>	Read the story of Jesus' crucifixion (Matt:26-28). Pray together as a family and thank Jesus for what he has done on the cross so that we all can go to heaven. Make a garden to resemble the burial site of Jesus - crosses from sticks and a cup and stone for the tomb.
19-22 April	<b>Autumn</b>	Go for a walk with your child and point out the leaves falling on the ground and the different Autumn colours – red, yellow, orange, brown. Allow your child to crunch, scrunch, throw, collect and roll in the Autumn leaves.
25-29 April	<b>Fruit</b>	Make fruit salad or a fruit smoothie for breakfast in the mornings. Talk about how healthy fruit is for them. What kinds of fruit does your local fruit shop sell? Teach them their names and how to tell if they are ready to eat.
3-6 May	<b>Vegetables</b>	Visit your local farmers market or vegetable shop and talk about the different vegetables that they sell. Ask your child what the different food smells and tastes and feels like. Pack different vegetables in your child's lunchbox every day and talk about how healthy it is for them.
9-13 May	<b>Land Transport</b>	Sing "The wheels on the bus". What are the different forms of land transport such as cars, buses, trains and motorbikes. Visit a train station. Discuss how many wheels each have.
16-20 May	<b>Water Transport</b>	Talk about why Boats float and how they travel on water. Sing "Row, row, row your boat". Float different things in the bath to see why different objects float or sink.
23-27 May	<b>Air Transport</b>	Explain that Aeroplanes fly in the sky using their wings. Sing "I'm a little aeroplane". Take a trip to OR Tambo or Lanseria to see the airplanes takeoff and land.
30 May - 3 June	<b>Shapes</b>	See how many different shapes you can find when out and about, i.e. houses have rectangles for windows. Draw hopscotch (scotch) with chalk and instead of numbers add shapes. Jump on the different shapes while naming them.
6-10 June	<b>Looking After God's Creation</b>	How can we all help to protect the environment? Teach your child to recycle. Save water, electricity and don't litter.
13-17 June	<b>Oceans</b>	Talk about what animals live under the ocean. Discuss how fish breathe under the water. Visit the aquarium in at Pretoria Zoo or a local Pet Shop.
20-24 June	<b>Winter</b>	Talk about what happens in winter - cold and dark. We must dress in warm clothes. There is not much rain and it gets quite dry/brown. Snuggle up underneath a blanket and read a book about winter together. Talk about safety with heaters and fires.

## FUN DAYS

linked to our themes

**Thursday 14 April: Easter Egg Hunt.** Make your own Easter Hat (Bonnet) and come hunt Easter Eggs.



**Friday 29 April: Fruit Salad Day.** Bring a fruit to school today- we will make a yummy nutritious fruit salad .

**Friday 6 May: Vegetable Garden Day.** We will be planting our Vegetable Garden with winter vegetables: Peas, Broccoli, etc



**Friday 13 May: Bike Obstacle Course** Bring Plastic Black Motorbikes or Scooters to school so we can ride them in the parking lot.

**Friday 24 June: Blanket Fort and Pajama Day** Children will use blankets and chairs to make a blanket fort. Please send a blanket to school and dress them in warm pajamas .



## DATES TO REMEMBER

5 April: School Opens  
1-2 May: Public Holiday - Worker's Day  
19 June: Father's Day

15-18 April: Public Holiday – Easter  
8 May: Mother's Day  
24 June: School Closes

27 April: Public Holiday - Freedom Day  
16 June: Public Holiday - Youth Day  
19 July: School Opens

**20-24 June:** Development Progress Reports go out to parents.