

DATE	THEME	YOU NEED TO HELP YOUR CHILD AT HOME WITH THESE IDEAS:
12-14 April	Easter	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.
17-21 April	Communication	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.
24-26 April	Autumn	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.
2-5 May	Fruit	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.
8-12 May	Vegetables	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.
15-19 May	Land Transport	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.
22-26 May	Water Transport	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.
29 May - 2 June	Air Transport	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.
5-9 June	Shapes	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.
12-15 June	Winter	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.
19-23 June	Looking After God's Creation	How can we all help to protect the environment? Teach your child to recycle. Save water, electricity and don't litter.

FUN DAYS

linked to our themes

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

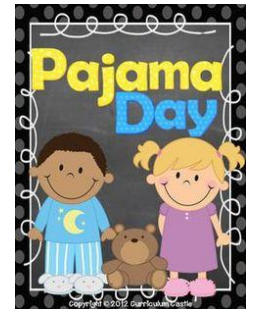


Friday 5 May: Fruit Salad Day. Bring a fruit to school today- we will make a yummy nutritious fruit salad .



Friday 19 May: Bike Obstacle Course Bring Plastic Black Motorbikes or Scooters to school so we can ride them in the parking lot.

Thursday 15 June: Pajama Day Please send a blanket to school and dress them in warm pajamas. We will also have a Magician Show please bring **R50** per child.



19-23 June: Development Progress Reports go out to parents.

DATES TO REMEMBER

12 April: School Opens
14 May: Mother's Day
23 June: School Closes

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

1 May: Public Holiday - Worker's Day
18 June: Father's Day