

DATE	THEME	YOU NEED TO HELP YOUR CHILD AT HOME WITH THESE IDEAS:
18-21 July	Wild Animals	Watch a wildlife documentary on TV or get a book from your local library. Talk about the different wild animals and where they live. Visit Lory Park Zoo (Mid-Rand) together.
24-28 July	Farm Animals	Sing songs like "Old Macdonald had a farm". Visit a farm and meet the farm animals. Talk about the different food that comes from farm animals- Milk from cows, eggs from chickens etc.
31 July - 4 August	Pets	Using a Teddy Bear or a pet and talk to your children about the proper way to hold, pat, and play with pets. What special care does your pet need? God commanded us to take care of animals.
7-11 August	Creepy Crawlies	Talk about different types of creepy crawlies and how many legs they have (spiders = 8, insects = 6). Go outside and see how many insects, caterpillars and spiders you can find. Discuss how various insects pollinate flowers and can produce honey, wax and silk. Dig in the ground and show your child what earthworms look like.
14-18 August	Dinosaurs	Show your child picture books about dinosaurs. They were <i>prehistoric</i> animals but are now <i>extinct</i> . Talk about what they ate. Meat eating dinosaurs were carnivores, while plant eating ones are called herbivores. Those that ate meat and plants are called omnivores.
21-25 August	Reptiles and Amphibians	Talk about which animals are reptiles and amphibians, they are generally cold blooded, hatch out of eggs and can live in water. Watch a nature programme or get a book from the library. Go on a nature walk and look out for lizards, chameleons, frogs, tortoises or snakes.
28 August - 1 September	SPRING	Go for a walk and look for the new green leaves beginning to grow on the trees. The spring blossoms are beginning to flower. Look at the birds building nests and the butterflies fluttering around. Plant a flower or vegetable garden.
4-8 September	Birds	Close your eyes and listen to the different bird calls. Go for a walk and find out the names of the different birds you see, or visit a bird hide at a botanical garden or nature reserve. Say rhymes like "two little dickie birds". Visit the Montecasino Bird Gardens and see the show.
11-15 September	Numeracy	Play clapping games with your child, clap in patterns, i.e. two fast claps followed by one slow clap. Sing counting songs together like "1, 2, 3, 4, 5, once I caught a fish alive" Build a puzzle together! This is great for pre-maths skills.
18-22 September	My Country	Where is your country on a map? Talk about the provinces/states. Who is the president? Sing the national anthem with your child. What are your national flower and animal? Enjoy some traditional food of your country. Eg: South Africa has Biltong, Chakalaka and Amagwinya (vetkoek). Zambia has Nshima (a mealie meal type dish) and Chikanda (African "polony")
26-29 September	Other Countries	Show your child a world map and talk about the different countries. Visit your local library and take out books about it. Talk about the traditional clothes that people wear, the food that they eat, as well as the languages we speak. There is an image of God in all of us. Cultural diversity is good.

FUN DAYS

linked to our themes

Friday 4th August: Pet Day. Different pets and other live animals will be at school.
The cost for this event will be R50.

Friday 11th August:

Vet Day - Please send a tin of dog/cat food to school. We will donate it to our local S.P.C.A. We will also be visiting our local Vet.



Friday 1 September: Picnic Day.

Pack a picnic lunch for your child and bring a small blanket to school.



Friday 22 September: Braai Day.

Dress your child in traditional clothing. We will be celebrating Heritage Day with a braai at school for lunch.



Friday 29 September: Cultural Day.

Please bring a plate of traditional food from your own culture for all the children to taste and try. Something wonderful all children enjoy.

DATES TO REMEMBER

18 July: Schools Open
24 September: Public Holiday

9 August: Public Holiday- Women's Day
29 September: Schools Close

24 September: Public Holiday- Heritage Day
10 October: School Opens