









DATE	THEME	YOU NEED TO HELP YOUR CHILD AT HOME WITH THESE IDEAS:
9-12 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.
15-19 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.
22-26 July	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.
29 July - 2 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. 
5-8 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. 
12-16 August	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.
19-23 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.
26-30 August	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.
2-6 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.
9-13 September	OPPOSITES	Take some of your child's toys that can easily be compared to each other e.g: small and large balls. Explain the difference between the objects. Take pictures of your child with their back to the camera to explain front and back. Let the child sleep with their head at the foot of the bed
16-20 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")

## FUN DAYS

linked to our themes

### Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July: 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.



**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> August: Pet Day.** Different pets and other live animals will be at school. **The cost for this event will be R50.**

### Friday 30 August: Teddy Bear's Picnic.



Pack a picnic snack for your child. Bring a small blanket and Stuffed Toy to school.

### Friday 13 September: Opposites Day.

Come to school wearing your clothes inside out or backwards. Wear shoes on the opposite feet.



### Friday 20 September: Braai Day.

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



## DATES TO REMEMBER

9 July: Schools Open  
24 September: Public Holiday- Heritage Day

9 August: Public Holiday- Women's Day  
1 October: School Opens

20 September: Schools Close