

DATE	THEME	YOU NEED TO HELP YOUR CHILD AT HOME WITH THESE IDEAS:	FUN DAYS
22-25 July	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 July - 1 August	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.	
4-8 August	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.	
11-15 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.	
18-22 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.	
25-29 August	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.	
1-5 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.	
8-12 September	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.	
15-19 September	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. Remember to Reduce, Re-use and Recycle.	
22-26 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, milk tart, chakalaka and amagwinya (vetkoek).	
29 September - 3 October	SPRING	Go for a nature walk and look for the new green leaves beginning to grow on the trees, spring flowers and blossoms. Look for birds building nests and insect life. Plant a flower or vegetable garden.	
<b>DATES TO REMEMBER</b>			
22 July: Schools Open		9 August: Public Holiday- Women's Day	24 August: Public Holiday- Heritage Day
3 October: Schools Close		13 October: School Opens	
<b>linked to our themes</b>			
<b>Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> July:</b> <b>Wild Animal Day.</b> We will see many different mammals and reptiles from different countries. <b>The cost for this event will be R50</b>			
 <b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> August:</b> <b>Vet Day.</b> 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.			
 <b>Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September: Bee Day.</b> We will learn about the importance of Bees in our world. <b>The cost for this event will be R60.</b>			
 <b>Friday 26 September: Braai Day.</b> Dress your child in traditional clothing. We will be celebrating Heritage Day with a braai at school for lunch.			
			
<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October: Teddy Bear's Picnic.</b> Pack a picnic snack for your child. Bring a small blanket and Stuffed Toy to school.			
			