



## FATHER'S DAY

### Lesson Ideas

Below you will find a selection of curriculum-linked lesson ideas and accompanying activity sheets, written for lower primary students, to celebrate Father's Day.

### Broad learning outcomes

Using this curriculum material will assist students in achieving the following broad learning outcomes:

- Students will explore the roles that fathers (or other males) play within the family unit.
- Students will participate in celebrating their father (or another special person) in their life.
- Students will learn about the origin of Father's Day and how it is celebrated around the world.

### English

- Students to write a letter to their father, or a special person in their life, explaining what makes them special.
- Students to write an acrostic poem about their father/special person using the letters in their name.
- Students to write a haiku poem draft about a special person in their life using the '**Haiku Poem**' activity sheet.
- Students to collect pictures of fathers from magazines and newspapers. Discuss any similarities or differences between the people in the pictures and their own special person.
- As a class, students to make a big book about fathers.
- Students to create a coupon book as a gift for their father or special person. The coupons can be exchanged for services such as doing the dishes, washing the car, mowing the lawn etc. If they wish, students can use the coupon templates available with the activity sheets.
- Students to read picture books based on fathers or male figures, then write a book about their own father or special person.



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## Mathematics

- Students to be given a budget and then use catalogues to look for gifts that they would like to give to their father, or a special person in their life.
- Students to list all the presents they remember giving to their father/special person on Father's Day. Collate the class' data and present it in a graph. What is the most common present? What are some uncommon presents?
- Students to make a beaded keychain as a gift for someone special, ensuring that they use the beads to make a pattern.
- Students to explore weight and other measurements by making some biscuits to be given as a Father's Day present.

## Science

- Students to research parents in the animal kingdom. How do the roles differ in different types of animals (i.e. mammals, monotremes etc.)? For fathers research the role that they play in caring for their young.
- Students to explore how plants grow by growing something to be given as a gift on Father's day.

## Humanities and Social Sciences

### History

- Students to create a timeline of celebrations they have enjoyed with their family. Include photographs if they are available.
- Students to select one male figure from their family (i.e. father, carer, great grandfather etc.) and write (or draw a picture) about them and their life.
- Students to explore their family and people who are special to them using the '**Special People Tree**' activity sheet. Page two of the activity sheet should be enlarged to A3 size.

### Geography

- Students to think about the places they go or spend time with their father/special person. What do they do there? What makes these places so special?
- Students to research how Father's Day is celebrated around the world.



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- Students to investigate their family tree on their father's side. What countries did the people on the tree come from?

### The Arts

- Students to make a hand-print tulip card for their father/special person. Instructions can be found with the activity sheets.
- Students to make a photograph collage (using photos of themselves) as a gift for a special person in their life.

### Technologies

#### Design and Technologies

- Students to make a list of the tasks that their father/special person does in a typical day, then design a robot that can do these tasks for them. Students then discuss: "What can humans do that robots cannot?"

### Health and Physical Education

- Students to devise several options for healthy breakfasts that could be served on Father's Day.
- Students to make a list of healthy and fun activities that families could do together to celebrate Father's Day.

### Languages

- Students to learn how to say and write 'Father' in different languages.