



MOTHER'S DAY

Lesson Ideas

These curriculum-linked lesson ideas and activity sheets offer a range of learning experiences for lower primary students to celebrate Mother'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 mothers (or other females) play within the family unit.
- Students will participate in celebrating their mother (or another special person) in their life.
- Students will learn about the origins of Mother's Day and how it is celebrated around the world.

English

- Students to write a letter to their mother, or a special person in their life, explaining what makes them special.
- Students to write an acrostic poem about their mother or a special person using the letters in her 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 mothers from magazines and newspapers. Discuss any similarities or differences between the people in the pictures and the students' loved ones.
- As a class, students to make a big book about mothers.
- Students to create a coupon book as a gift for their mother 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 *My Mum* by Anthony Browne then write books about their own mothers. The books should include text and correlating pictures.



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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 mother, or a special person in their life.
- Students to list all the presents they remember giving to their mother or special person on Mother'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 necklace 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 Mother'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 mothers research how they give birth (i.e. eggs or live babies) and how they care for their young (*if at all*).
- Students to explore how plants grow by growing something to be given as a gift on Mother'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 female, mother figure from their family (i.e. mother, grandmother, aunt etc.) and write about (or draw a picture of) 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.



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Geography

- Students to think about the places they go or spend time with their mother/special person. What do they do there? What makes these places so special?
- Students to research how Mother's Day is celebrated around the world.
- Students to investigate their family tree on their mother's side. What countries did the people on the tree come from?

The Arts

- Students to follow the instructions on the '**Hand-Print Tulip Card**' sheet to make a card for their mother or a special person.
- Students to make a photograph collage (using photos of themselves) as a gift for a special person in their life.
- Students to make a bookmark using the '**Heart Bookmark**' sheet.

Technologies

- Students to make a list of the tasks that their mother/carer 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 Mother's Day.
- Students to make a list of healthy and fun activities that families could do together to celebrate Mother's Day.

Languages

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