



National Families Week
15 - 21 May



plan
research
create or write
display or report

WEEK-LONG PROJECT IDEAS

Create a kindness newsletter

- Students can take on roles of interviewing, recording, designing, creating content, editing and publishing.

Capabilities: Literacy, numeracy (layout), personal & social capability, critical & creative thinking, ethical understanding, potentially info technology potentially intercultural understanding

Have fun with poetry

- Introduce students to a different style of poetry each day, including from different cultures.
- Find poems about family and then students can write their own. At the end of the week, students can select their favourite poem to share.
- Extension activities could include presentation formats: video or audio recording, Powerpoint presentation, Canva design or an original artistic presentation.

Capabilities: Literacy, numeracy, personal & social capability, critical & creative thinking, potentially ethical understanding, potentially info technology (research & presentation), potentially intercultural understanding (history of poetry style)

Pen pals between classrooms

- Team up with another class and allow students to share daily communication through letter writing.
- Could include making envelopes, addressing, sorting, delivery.
- Inspire students with the idea of sharing, building community, finding out about people from different backgrounds.
- Possible extension beyond the week to include regular correspondence with elderly members of a community centre.

Capabilities: Literacy, personal & social capability, ethical understanding, potentially intercultural understanding

Plan a family day for the class or school

- Students can take on roles for location planning & decorating, designing and preparing invitations, scheduling activities and performances.
- Note: Free National Families Week resources can be ordered online.

Capabilities: Literacy, numeracy, personal & social capability, critical & creative thinking, potentially intercultural understanding, potentially info technology.

Research cultural differences between families

- Students can focus on one aspect of family life and explore its differences across cultures;
- or choose one particular society and compare and contrast a range of ideas, customs and practices within families.

Capabilities: Literacy, intercultural understanding, critical & creative thinking, ethical understanding, potentially info technology (research & presentation)

Research animal families – roles & responsibilities

- Students could choose one type of animal and explore the way that animal cares for its young, gathers or shares food, finds shelter, protects its habitat
- or choose one of those roles / responsibilities and compare the way it is approached by different animals
- This could be an opportunity to explore animal classification.

Capabilities: Literacy, personal & social capability, ethical understanding, potentially info technology (research & presentation)

Learn more about the Elderly

- Students can research life expectancy of people in different countries, compare humans with other animals
- Construct a lifespan timeline for significant events in an elderly person's life - if not a family member, then an historical figure
- Explore ways we show elderly members of the community respect.

Capabilities: Literacy, numeracy (timeline), personal & social capability, critical & creative thinking, potentially ethical understanding, potentially intercultural understanding, potentially info technology (research and presentation).

At the end of the week, students can perform, publish, report or share recordings of their projects.

