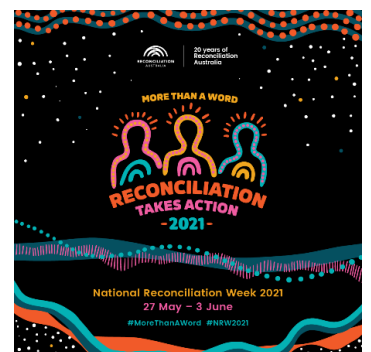


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May Days and Events to Celebrate in the Classroom



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First Sunday in May World Laughter Day



World Laughter Day is celebrated on the first Sunday in May. There is no denying that we could all do with a little more laughter in our lives. What will make you laugh on World Laughter Day?

First Sunday in May International Firefighters' Day



The purpose of the day is to recognise and honour the service and sacrifice of firefighters around the world. The day was initiated in Australia after five firefighters lost their lives in service in 1998.

With unprecedented and catastrophic fires having been experienced in Australia and elsewhere in recent summers, it is appropriate that we recognise and honour those who serve selflessly, especially those who lose their lives doing so.

8 May World Red Cross Day



The purpose of World Red Cross Day is to celebrate those who are there to support others in need of a helping hand.

The 8 May is the birthday of Henry Dunant, founder of International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and the first Nobel Peace Prize recipient. Dunant born in 1828.

2nd Sunday in May Mother's Day

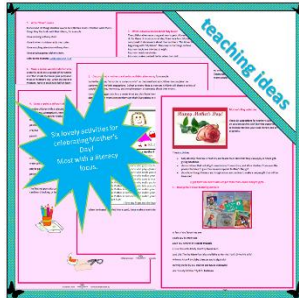


Here in Australia, we celebrate Mother's Day on the second Sunday in May.

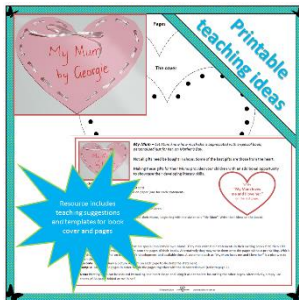
Happy Mother's Day to all mothers. I hope you have an amazing day, however you celebrate it.

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Here at readilearn we can assist with you with suggestions of easy and inexpensive gifts from the heart to make for mothers on Mother's Day. None of the suggestions require hard-to-acquire materials. What is mostly required is a little imagination and creativity and a whole lot of love.



Mother's Day activities includes suggestions for six easy-to-make gifts.



My Mum — heart-shaped book template includes instructions for making a personalised book for Mum, telling her what is special about her.



A waterlily card made from circles of paper is a different way of telling Mum how much you love her.



I love you this much — card to make is another special way to tell Mum she is loved.

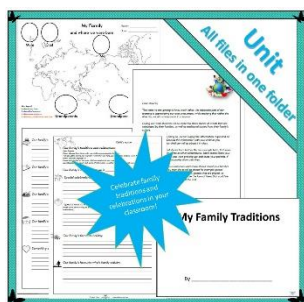
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15 May International Day of Families



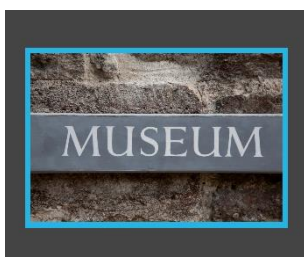
The purpose of the International Day of Families is to “celebrate the importance of families, people, societies and cultures around the world.”

It is a time for doing things as a family and for appreciating that not all families are the same.



If you haven't already studied the families of children in your class, now is the perfect time. The Family Traditions and Celebrations Unit supports you in doing so.

18 May International Museum Day



International Museum Day aims to raise awareness of museums and the important of culture.

While it may not be possible to visit some of these museums in person, many museums welcome you online.

Here are links to just of few of the museums you may like to visit:

[The British Museum](#)

[The Guggenheim Museum](#)

[The Museum of Modern Art](#)

[The Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History](#)

[The British Natural History Museum](#)

[The Australian Maritime Museum](#) has lots of [activities](#) for children.

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Mid-late May National Simultaneous Storytime (NSS)

National Simultaneous Storytime is celebrated in Australia and New Zealand every year in Library and Information Week.

An Australian picture book is read simultaneously in libraries, schools, pre-schools, childcare centres, family homes, bookshops and many other places around the country.

The aim of the National Simultaneous Storytime is to promote the value of reading and literacy. Books that are selected explore age-appropriate themes and address key learning areas of the National Curriculum for Foundation to Year 6.

Follow the link for details of this year's celebration.

20 May World Bee Day



The purpose of World Bee Day is to celebrate these wonderful pollinators upon whom we are so dependent.

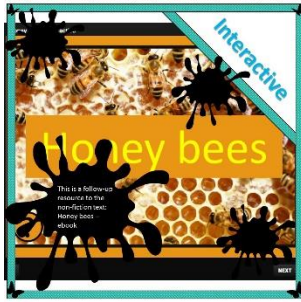
The website has a lot of useful advice and many resources to assist you in getting involved, including a fun waggle dance challenge you and your children will enjoy.

Here at readilearn, we also have many bee resources to support your teaching, including:



Honey bees — an information ebook

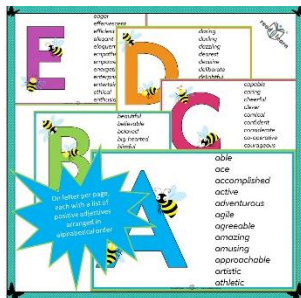
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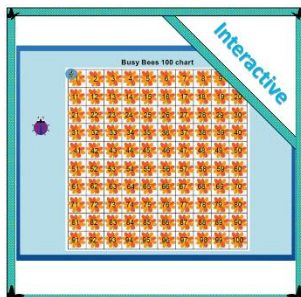
[Honey bees](#) interactive for teaching features of information texts.



[Busy Bee Welcome resources for Day one](#) — a collection of ten resources for establishing a bee-themed classroom.



[Busy Bees alphabet of positive adjectives](#)



[Busy Bees 100 chart](#)



[Bees Bees and Insect Subitising — 1 – 6](#)

These are just a few of the bee-themed resources. Type 'bee' in the website search bar to find more.

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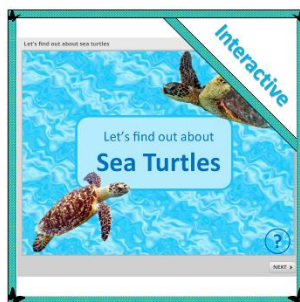
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World Turtle Day

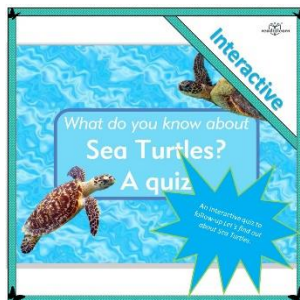


The purpose of the day is to encourage everyone to celebrate and protect turtles, tortoises, and their habitats around the world.

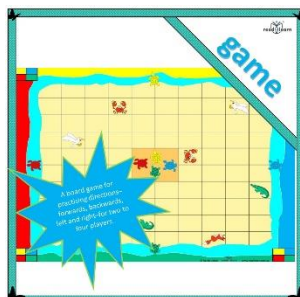
Here at readilearn, we have some turtle-themed resources to support your teaching and help you celebrate, including:



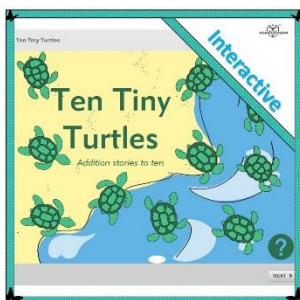
[Let's find out about Sea Turtles](#)



[What do you know about Sea Turtles? — a quiz](#)

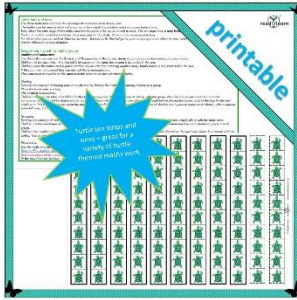


[Turtle Island — a directions game](#)

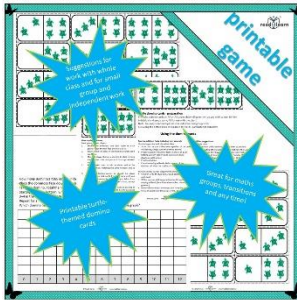


[Ten Tiny Turtles](#) — an interactive lesson in addition

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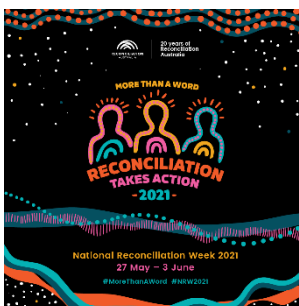
[Turtle domino cards](#)

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26 May [National Sorry Day](#)

On 26 May each year, Australians observe National Sorry Day which "gives people the chance to come together and share the steps towards healing for the Stolen Generations, their families and communities. Stolen Generation refers to Indigenous Australians who were forcibly removed from their families and communities."

27 May until 3 June [National Reconciliation Week](#)



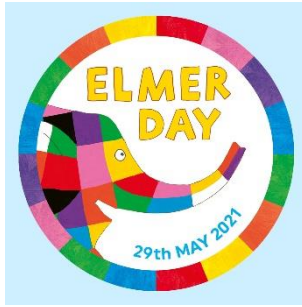
The aim of National Reconciliation Week, , is to provide "a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia."

For this to occur, "Reconciliation must live in the hearts, minds and actions of all Australians as we move forward, creating a nation strengthened by respectful relationships between the wider Australian community, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples."

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29 May

Elmer Day



Is Elmer one of your favourite picture book characters? He's one of mine. Here's a chance to celebrate Elmer on his own special day.

The website has a resource pack filled with lots of wonderful teaching ideas and activities to download for free.

There are also videos to watch, including one by the author David McKee reading *Elmer*.

The year at a glance



A printable copy of a calendar of special days and events for the year is available to download free [here](#).

