

# BETHANY ELC NEWSLETTER

12TH OF MAY 2021  
TERM 2 WEEK 3



Welcome to our Term 2, Week 3 Newsletter.

This week, we have been exploring 'Levels of Questioning' with our children - that is a range of questions from simple, concrete questions to more complex and abstract questions. Studies have shown that children develop their oral language, expressive vocabulary, listening skills and depth of understanding through shared reading. We encourage you to read LOTS with your child! Shared reading is a joyful experience for your child and an excellent way to connect with your children/ I have included a link to a post on the impact of reading to your child: <http://thespoke.earlychildhoodaustralia.org.au/reading-child-difference-makes/>

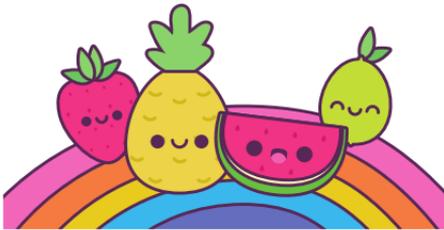
It has been wonderful having our mums, grandmas and aunts attend Come and Play in Week 3. The Bible commands us to "honour our father and mother - which is the first commandment with a promise" (Ephesians 6:2-3). If you are a mum, grandmother, aunt or special woman - we are so grateful for all your sacrifice and love towards your families. Thank you for all that you do!

Next week (Week 4), we will be having our shared 'Eat the Rainbow' fruit week. Please bring a fruit in the 'colour of the day' to share with the class. You can pass the fruit to a staff member in the morning, to be cut up on a shared fruit platter later in the day. The 'colours of the day' are as follows: Monday - red, Tuesday - orange, Wednesday - yellow, Thursday - green, Friday - blue/purple.

In Week 4 & 5, we will be holding our first 2021 Parent Teacher Conferences. This is a wonderful opportunity to share some celebrations and goals that we have observed for your child in the ELC. There is no child-minding available, so we kindly ask that you arrange alternative care arrangements during these appointments.

**Blessings,**  
**Rachael Chesson - ELC Director**

# OUR LEARNING



In Week 4 we will be having a shared 'rainbow fruit and vegetable platter' to promote healthy eating!

**What is your favourite fruit or vegetable? What is one new fruit or vegetable you can bring to the ELC in Week 4?**

This week we will be going on a Mystery Adventure, to learn how to make smart guesses!

**What questions can you use to help you make smart guesses?**



## D d

See me play on my drum.  
Playing drums is lots of fun,  
With a /d/-/d/-/d/ /d/-  
/d/-/d/- /d/-/d/-/d/  
See me play on my drum!



This week we are learning about the letter 'd' and 'g'. The names of the letters are 'dee' and 'gee' and the sounds that they make are /d/ as in drum and /g/ as in goat.

**Can you think of some words that start with /d/? What about some words that start with /g/?**

Action: Beat your hands up and down, as if you're playing a drum, and say d, d, d

# OUR LEARNING

This week we will be learning about the ABAB pattern by making patterns with objects and our bodies.

**Can you make a pattern with shapes in your home?**



This term, our learning is centred around "We Create"! The Bible says, "God created man in His own image." (Genesis 1:27) In creating us in His image, God gave the gift of creativity to all of us.

**Can you make something out of an empty paper towel roll?**

We are learning all about balancing and jumping!  
**Can you practice leapfrogs?  
How far can you jump?**



# OTHER INFORMATION

## Communication:

Each child has their own pocket in the foyer where you will find notices. Please remember to check this each day your child is in ELC, and to check Storypark for regular updates of our daily activities.

We understand you may need to contact the ELC other times throughout the day which you are welcome to do via email: [elc@bethany.sa.edu.au](mailto:elc@bethany.sa.edu.au), or phone: 8283 0000.



19. Draw with a stick in the dirt
20. Grow some veggies in a patch or pot
21. Visit a farm, or a petting zoo



### Important Dates in Term 2:

Mothers Day Come and Play  
Eat the Rainbow

ELC Parent-Teacher Conversations  
Pupil Free Day (**ELC CLOSED**)  
Queen's Birthday (**ELC CLOSED**)

Week 3 (10-14th of May)  
Week 4 (17-21st of May)  
Week 4 and 5 (17-28th of May)  
Fri Week 7 (11th of June)  
Monday Week 8 (14th of June)

