

Finding Special Days

Elaboration 4 · Locating important days and dates

ELABORATION FOCUS

Finding and marking special days on a calendar, and noticing that some fall on the same date every year while others move.

LEARNING INTENTION I can find special days on a calendar.

Name it

Find month

Find date

Day name

Fixed or not

1

Name the Day

Step 1: say which special day you want. Step 2: find which month it is in.

2

Find It on the Grid

Step 3: find the date in the month grid. Step 4: read the day name above it.

3

Fixed or Moving?

Step 5: check if it is the same date each year. Step 6: if not, look it up.

MODEL · SPECIAL DAYS ON THE CALENDAR

Some special days have a fixed date. Others move, so we check a calendar each year.

SAME DATE EVERY YEAR

Australia Day — 26 January
ANZAC Day — 25 April
Christmas Day — 25 December

THE DATE MOVES EACH YEAR

Easter — March or April
Ramadan — moves each year
Diwali — October or November

ANZAC Day is always 25 April; Easter, Diwali and Ramadan move each year.

TEACHER MODELLING ROUTINE

I do → We do → You do

WATCH FOR

Assuming every special day falls on the same date every year.

REMEMBER

Say it to students as: "Some days stay put, some days move."

MATERIALS

Year planners, wall calendars, diaries, sticky notes, school term dates.

Teacher note: Easter, Ramadan and Diwali fall on different dates each year. Check the current year's dates, and invite families to share the days that matter to them.