How to use the 'Laying Solid Foundations for Learning' Grade R kit:

The 'Laying Solid Foundations for Learning' programme for Terms 1 to 4 is organised into 20 themes, each of which contains enough work for two weeks. In other words, there is 40 weeks’ worth of work here. You should aim to cover five themes per term (a term being roughly ten weeks long).

For each theme there is a poster and a Big Book story. Supporting flashcards and picture cards can be found in the Learners’ Resource Book, while the worksheets can be found in the Learners’ Workbook. There are additional teacher resources – such as letters, templates and games.

How to use this ‘Laying Solid Foundations for Learning’ Lesson Planner Book

Lesson planning involves three easy steps:

1. The daily lesson plan
2. The weekly lesson planner
3. Assessment

This book contains daily lesson plans, weekly lesson planners and assessment tasks for each two-week theme. The daily lesson plans and weekly lesson planners will give you ideas for using the posters, stories, worksheets and flashcards in the ‘Laying Solid Foundations for Learning’ kit.

What is the daily lesson plan?

The daily lesson plan provides activities and ideas for one whole day in the theme. It begins with an introduction and ends with a story time. If you have used a complete daily planner to get you started, you will therefore need to plan an additional nine daily lessons to complement what you have here. You will find a blank daily lesson plan at the back of this book. Make copies of it and use these for your planning.

This programme gives you the freedom to plan your teaching and learning. This is very important because no two classrooms are the same.

What is the weekly planner?

The weekly planner is exactly that – a planner. While we have included some exciting activity ideas for you to incorporate into your lessons, we have also left space for you to fill in your own favourite activities.

The activities on the weekly lesson planner can be used in the first or second week of the two-week theme. You can write directly on the planner. If you prefer, you can make copies of the blank weekly planner at the back of this book. Then copy the activities that appeal to you onto the weekly lesson planner provided for the theme and include your own activities to complete it so that it suits your teaching style, as well as the level and pace of your learners.

How to integrate your own favourite themes into the ‘Laying Solid Foundations for Learning’ resource kit:

The ‘Laying Solid Foundations for Learning’ Grade R kit has 20 learner-friendly themes. If there are themes of your own that you want to include, feel free to do so. Find a place where you can slot them in or choose which of the themes in the kit you would like to replace.

How the ‘Laying Solid Foundations for Learning’ kit helps with assessment:

At the end of the lesson plans for each theme you will find two or more assessment tasks that you can use to evaluate learners’ progress. A recording sheet, in the form of a checklist or rubric, is included for you to record your observations.

We trust that both you and your learners will enjoy working through this programme with us!