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The Grade R Resource Kit 2015 consists of various resources for the teacher to use with his/her learners to support teaching and learning. Included in the resource book is a birthday chart, a weather chart, a number chart and an alphabet chart. The Rainbow workbooks contain flash cards, 'take-home' cut-out readers, puzzles and other resources for learners to make and use.

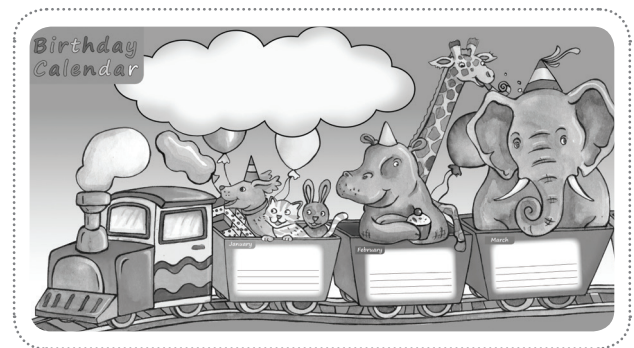
## HOW TO USE THE BIRTHDAY CHART

If possible, laminate the chart. Use a thick water-soluble marker pen to write the learners' names onto it. Use drawing pins or Prestik™ to attach the Birthday Chart to the bulletin board. It should be in a place where it can be seen easily by both you and the learners. It should be a regular feature of the morning ring.

The Birthday Chart is a valuable teaching tool. It can be used to teach a range of skills. It can be used to teach concepts relating to time. Use it to teach the months of the year and the seasons as they occur – for example, 'Today is Sihle's birthday. What month is it? What season does her birthday fall in? How can we tell?'

The concepts of before and after can also be reinforced using the Birthday Chart. Ask: 'Who had a birthday last month? What was the name of the month? Who will have a birthday next month? What is next month's name?'

You should also work with numbers when using the Birthday Chart.



Ask learners how old they are, how old they were yesterday and how old they will be next year.

They can show these numbers using their fingers or other objects, or they can use the number cards on pages 53 and 54 of Rainbow Workbook I.

As learners refer to the chart, they will also engage with the print. They will 'read' the months of the year and recognise their own and their friends' names. Some learners will be able to recognise actual letters on the chart.

CAPS Life Skills Personal Development requires that learners know their birth date. This is an important skill as their date of birth will be required in many different situations throughout their lives.