

6. Setting Up an English Language Environment by Having an English Week

- **Using PA system**

1. Describing a teacher / a guessing game
2. Competition (write a note to the teacher)
3. Song dedications (by the students)
4. Play English songs over the PA during recess and lunch
5. NET reading a story (5 minutes)
6. Tongue twister

- **English room / corner**

1. Language rich environment
2. Drawing area
3. Writing area (storyboard)
4. Reading corner
5. Posters (festivals)
6. Notice board
7. Weather chart (students' responsibility)
8. Drama / dressing up box, puppet area
9. Computer games
10. Game - hangman, bingo, tic tac toe
11. Magnetic board
12. Mini shop

- **Theme day**

1. Food – English / Australian dishes
2. Festival, e.g. Halloween – origin , share reading activities , songs , video showing, dress-up parade, writing activities

- **Assembly**

1. Anthems / traditional songs
2. Announcement in English
3. Prayers in English
4. Dance - creative, folk
5. TPR – Total Physical Response
6. NET gives a talk
7. Invite a guest speaker to speak about themselves, prepare questions and answers

- **Whole school activities**

1. Treasure Hunt – instructions / clues
2. Stick pictures of animals around school and children locate them and get a prize when completed
3. Get a signature from every teacher when saying hello, how are you / goodbye
4. Award stickers if children begin conversations in English
5. Canteen / tuckshop – ordering/buying food in English

- **Creating the atmosphere**

1. Advertisements / posters around the school
2. Instructions in English for the whole school
3. Labelling things / places

- **Authentic activities**

1. Dress up in the colour of flags (English countries)
2. Market day in English
3. English food, e.g. English breakfast to start the week, Sausage sizzle – end the English Week
4. Fun-fair
5. Interview English – speaking guests
6. Invitation writing 'Come to our English Week'

- **Covered Playground / Hall activities**

1. Activities available in the hall for the whole week
2. Present plays that children have been working on in class
3. During lunch, watch video of English film, e.g. Harry Potter
4. Variety shows
5. Riddles hung from the ceiling of covered playground

- **Playground activities**

1. Skipping rhymes
2. Aerobics with English songs