

Matariki



Pōhutukawa

Pōhutukawa holds on to our memories of treasured people who have passed on.

He whakairo (some thoughts):

How will you remember someone special who have passed away in your whānau, in your community?

How can you support people who may be vulnerable in your whānau or your community?

Whakatauki (proverb)

Ko Matariki te kaitō i te hunga pākeke ki te pō.

Matariki draws the frail into the night.

Ideas for learning through play

1. Make kites. [Little Family Fun: Easy Kite Craft for Kids!](#)
Māori kites are known as manu tukutuku or manu aute. Manu is the word for both bird and kite. Tukutuku refers to the winding out of the line as the kite climbs and aute is a type of bark used to make kites. Kites were flown for many occasions including Matariki. They were a way of sending messages to people who lived far away, and to people who had died.
2. Read the pukapuka (book): The seven kites of Matariki or [watch the story](#) of the seven kites being read by Shayne.
3. Light a candle to remember someone special or to farewell unwanted memories.
4. Allow tamariki to invite a special guest to session (eg. whānau, grandparents, etc).

Waiata

Te Aroha, Te Whakapono, Te Rangimāriē. Tātou tātou e.
Love, faith and peace be amongst all of us.

[Sing-a-long with Ngā Pihi](#)