

Matariki



Waitā

Waitā is a twin to Waitī, shining on sources of salt water and protecting all life sustained within it. A star associated with food harvested from the sea.

This [waiata](#) connects Waitī & Waitā:

Link to a short clip with info on [Waitī](#) (by Ara).

Ideas for learning through play

1. Use fabric, cardboard cut-outs or any recyclables preferred to make ika - fish, tohorā - whale tails, waves, or even shellfish for the tamariki and whānau to paint.
2. Sing the waiata: [Tohorā nui](#)
3. Sing the waiata: [Kina, Kina](#)
4. Make a waka (canoe) out of cardboard box and kōrero (talk) about the great voyages using the stars as a guide.
5. Bring in ika (fish) or kai moana (seafood) caught in the sea and cook it for the tamariki to try. Kōrero about what you might use to catch a fish.
6. Make fishing rods from sticks and string/wool with magnets attached to the end. Cut out ika (fish) shapes from old plastic ice-cream container lids and attach paperclips. Put the ika in a water trough and get tamariki to pretend to catch a fish.
7. Take an excursion to the beach and collect shells (kota) and driftwood (paewai). Use these to make or decorate Matariki stars.