

# What's New!



## Goodbye Summer!

Autumn is here, the air is crisp, the leaves are gorgeous, and you're probably spending more time indoors. If you're stuck for ideas on what to do, here a few fun ideas:

### Playdough Autumn Tree Playdough:

This is a terrific activity for a chilly day. Go for a walk to collect some leaves. The activity is simple—make a brown tree trunk and branches out of playdough, and arrange your selected leaves to create a gorgeous fall tree.

### Autumn Scented Playdough:

Make your own scented playdough - it can be made in minutes, and the spices will definitely put you in the mood for celebrating all things Autumn. Add some leaves, pinecones, and leaf-themed cookie cutters, and you're all set for hours of fun

### Nature Scavenger Hunt

Get outdoors for a Nature Scavenger Hunt. Look for leaves, birds, pinecones, spiders, feathers, apples, and more. Start a collection of the fun things you find!

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## Te Ara Whanui

This month we are implementing Te Ara Whanui, which is the updated Early Learning Curriculum Framework (Te Whariki) which comes into effect from the 1st of May 2024.

We will be busy this month providing your Kaiako with a easy to read handout and discussing the updates so they are aware of what is changing.



Just before the cold and rainy weather comes for Winter, we managed in March to squeeze in a outdoor trip - to the Auckland Zoo! We had a great morning exploring all the different animals that live at our Zoo - while making new friends.

## Important Dates

NZ Sign Language Week: 6-12th May

Pink Shirt Day: 17th May

Kings Birthday: 3rd June

Matariki: 28th June

KiwiEd. Child Outing: 11th June

# Activity Ideas

## Kai (food) Time!

### Cheese Quesadillas

This easy Cheese Quesadilla recipe is the perfect base for making any type of quesadilla. The filling options are endless, so use this simple recipe as the starting point for making the quesadillas that you will love!

#### Ingredients:

Tortilla and fillings of your choice: suggestions are cheese, ham, tomatoes, onions, pineapples

#### Method:

**STEP 1:** Spray a large pan with olive oil (or coat with about ½ tablespoon of oil or butter). Heat on medium-high for 2 minutes, then add the tortilla. Warm for 30 seconds, then add the cheese to one half of the tortilla. Fold over the other half and press down with a spatula.

**STEP 2:** Cook for 4-5 minutes, flipping halfway through, until the tortilla becomes lightly browned. Use a spatula to press down on the tortilla as it cooks to help the ingredients stick.

Wait to cool down then serve with favourite dip - ENJOY!



## Hanga (create) Time!

### DIY Toilet Roll Bowling

With the weather meaning more time spent indoors here is a easy and simple game you can try to get active.

1. Paint your toilet paper rolls using non-toxic acrylic paint that is safe for the kids.
2. Let the paint dry for a few minutes.
3. Decorate the toilet paper rolls with some washi tape. This is to mimic the red lines that you usually see on bowling pins. Use colorful washi tape because well, it looks so cute! You can skip this step or just paint a red line once the paint dries or by using a marker.
4. Set them up and bowl!



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