

# What's New!



The last couple of months we have seen Winter arrive with more wet and cold days, but that has not stopped our tamariki from getting out and exploring and learning at home.

We love being sent photos of the learning taking place at home and on a beautiful sunny winter day Torvi was able to go for a walk on her farm and visit the different animals that live there, developing confidence around animals and learning how to be gentle with them.

We have also seen Matariki celebrations during the month of July and it was lovely to see how our communities all celebrated this - with many enjoying Matariki feasts and learning about harvesting and the 9 stars of Matariki.

We are now past the mid way mark for the year - with only 5 months left of 2023! We are already starting to plan our tamariki Christmas party - please email us with any ideas you may have!

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## Level 4 Training

It is not too late to enroll into your Level 4 ECE course for the next intake - to meet the next percentage deadline in January 2024 of 60% qualified Kaiako. The government is working towards 80% qualified Kaiako in Home Based Care by 2025. Please talk with your VT about which course will be best suited to your needs and the training incentive KiwiEd. is offering.



We had a great time at our child term outing in June - visiting Crystal Mountain. Our tamariki enjoyed the big indoor playground, rides, going on a tractor and even going on a farm walk! We hope to see you at our September outing!

## Important Dates

- Daffodil Day 25th August
- Fathers Day 3rd September
- KiwiEd Jump Mini outing 4th September
- Maori Language Week 11th-17th September
- School Holidays 23rd September to 8th October
- World Teachers Day 5th October
- Loud Shirt Day 27th October

# Activity Ideas

## Kai (Food) Time!

### Rainbow Unicorn Smoothies

Turn the colors of the rainbow — red strawberries, blueberries and orange mango — into a magical treat for breakfast and beyond. This rainbow unicorn smoothie recipe made with real milk is not only tasty, it's a simple and wholesome way to bring a smile to anyone's day

#### Ingredients:

1 1/2 cups milk    1/2 cup vanilla yoghurt    1 cup frozen blueberries  
2 cups frozen strawberries (10 large)    1 cup frozen mango chunks

#### Optional Toppings:

Whipped cream or yoghurt    4 teaspoons unicorn sprinkles

#### Directions:

Add milk, yoghurt and fruit to blender and blend until smooth, adding additional milk or water to thin if needed.

Divide smoothie into 4 glasses and top each with whipped cream or yoghurt and sprinkles.

Drink in the morning and have a magical rest of your day



## Hanga (create) Time!

### Playdough Name Mats

This simple and easy Play Dough Letter Mat activity focuses on letter identification, letter formation, and letter matching.

This activity is perfect for tamariki just learning to identify and write letters.

The use of play dough gives this activity a fun sensory element that engages tamariki and also builds fine and gross motor skills and hand strength.

By letting tamariki pick their own play dough color helps them get extra excited for this activity!

All you need is play dough and paper to write their name on - and then let the learning begin!

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