

Ngā taonga tākaro

Playing in the sand at the beach and building models to represent our maunga, awa and marae is a fun way for tamariki to learn about whakapapa and pepeha.

Kōrero with them about their whakapapa using names of important people and places. This develops memory and strengthens their sense of belonging and identity.

Let tamariki take the lead in play time.

Have a few old clothes, hats and bags in a box that tamariki have easy access to. Role playing with dress ups develops imagination, language and creativity. There is a lot of fun and learning to be had inside and out.

Homemade huts

Have fun with a hut made of blankets or sheets and a couple of chairs. There's nothing like squeezing inside your own little whare.

With a bit of creative thinking, tamariki can enjoy huts inside and outside.



Fun with miromiro

Blowing bubbles can be a soothing activity for an upset tamaiti, and it can be energising and fun especially for a group of tamariki.

Blowing bubbles is a great outdoor activity in a breeze or maybe in the bathroom at bath time.

Here's a quick bubble mix recipe to try.

Mix together:

1 cup of water

2 teaspoons sugar

½ cup dishwashing liquid



Use rings off milk bottles with pegs for handles, to make bubble blowers. Experiment with other ideas for bubble blowers, such as pipe cleaners.



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