

# Matariki Inquiry

## Remembering

- Retell the Matariki story in your own words.
- Name each star which makes up Matariki.
- According to legend, what is the job of each star sister?
- List the 4 different names for the Matariki constellation.
- Where would you see Matariki? Write a paragraph describing where to find it.
- List 10 foods you might harvest at Matariki.

## Understanding

- Write a letter to a someone in another country telling them what Matariki is.
- Explain why Matariki was important to early Māori.
- Matariki is a constellation. Explain what a constellation is.
- You have travelled back to an early Matariki celebration. What do you see? Record a video log describing the events.
- Make a timeline of the Māori lunar calendar, showing important events.

## Applying

- Make a poster encouraging people to celebrate Matariki.
- Write a haiku about an aspect of Matariki (the story, the stars, what it meant to Māori).
- Write a PMI about planting and harvesting your own food.
- Write an A-Z of Matariki.

## Analysing

- How did early Māori preserve and store food? How do we preserve and store food now? Compare and contrast.
- Investigate a native plant/animal that was harvested. Record how the seasons affected its supply and how it was harvested.
- Find out why kites are sometimes used to welcome Matariki.
- Research the moon and stars. Make a list of 15 facts you didn't know about the moon and stars.

## Evaluating

- Matariki has been described as "New Zealand's Thanksgiving". Do you agree or disagree? Why?
- Some have suggested Matariki should replace Queen's Birthday as a national holiday. Write a letter to your local MP arguing for/against.

## Creating

- Plan a menu using 5 of the foods you might harvest during Matariki. Include recipes for a starter, main meal, and a dessert.
- Compose a piece of music which
  1. represents the story of Matariki, or
  2. reflects the change of season
- Make your own constellation. What does it look like? What is it called? Write a legend about how it came to be.
- Brainstorm a list of ways you could celebrate Matariki at your school. Choose one idea and plan how you will make it happen.