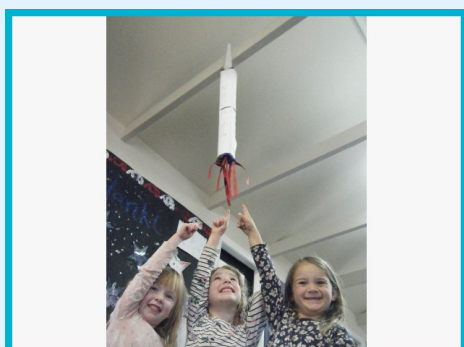


# J4K Winter Newsletter

Kia ora J4K whanau. A big welcome to our J4K programme to Lucy, Zoe and Eithan. It's wonderful to have you as part of our group and we're looking forward to getting to know you better. Welcome back to Maisey and our teacher Kylie - nice to have you back with us again. And finally a big goodbye to Casper, Laura, Bella, Julia and Stella - we wish you all the best for the next leg of your learning journey and hope you'll come back and visit us sometime.

With the media interest on the 50th anniversary of the moon landing we have been focusing on this theme with the children - watching historical footage of space rocket launches, moon landings, moon buggies and space shuttles. This interest paired up with the children's interest in construction have resulted in construction of rockets, moon buggies and space stations made out of mobilo, zorbs, boxes, reels and glue. Lots of imagination and creativity as we share and discuss rockets and space travel facts from books and the internet.



We've had the team from the Upper Moutere Fire Brigade come and give their Firewise demonstration to our children - with their 'Get Out, Stay Out' message. The children got to dress up in a firefighter's outfit and had a good look around the fire engine. Thanks Ross, Susan and Fiona - always a popular visit with an important fire safety message.

Ever popular gymnastics is due to start up this Monday again so please ensure that your child is wearing appropriate clothing - please no skirts or dresses on Mondays.

We've also been paddock walking and with all this wet weather there's been lots of water and mud around the place. Please ensure your child has a change of clothes and a bag to place their wet gear in. Gumboots are always better for wet weather play as well.

Finally, a wee reminder to encourage your child to carry their own bag, hang it up with their name tag and put their lunchbox and drink bottle on the shelf - these are all wee tasks that help them in their journey to independence and are part of our expectations of them being our bigger children.

'Til next time - keep warm and stay healthy and happy, your J4K teaching team -  
Lorraine, Kylie and Marg.

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