

# A rainbow tunnel and mahi tahi feeds Ruby's mauri tau.

Magic unfolded as Ruby and Dellow stayed completely absorbed in their play for such a long time. The construction grew each time I looked, as train tracks and the rainbow were shifted around to trial new ideas. This was mahi tahi in action, and it seemed that Ruby's mauri tau was strong and allowed this mahi to flourish.

## ***My thoughts on what Ruby is learning as she played.***

New friends bring new ideas and ways of being, and this allowed mahi to unfold that gave Ruby a different way of looking at the world. It seemed to me, that Ruby's mauri was strong. Mauri is our life essence, unique and inseparable from us. When we are feeling physically and socially healthy, our mauri is in a state of balance which can be called mauri tau. This peaceful state allows our physical body to function, bound together with our mental state. Mauri tau allows Ruby to be vibrant, expressive and impressive, and this is how her play with Dellow looked. Together they created a world that had them asking questions, finding solutions and narrating a storyline that grew with each modification. We know from previous work like Ruby's writing currently, that when she locks her mind onto something, she is a powerful learner. Working with friends takes more effort again, as ideas are combined and negotiated. Mahi tahi is a powerful way of being, and together, Ruby and Dellow made it look effortless.

## ***How can we grow this learning further for Ruby?***

Nurturing Ruby's mauri tau will continue to give her opportunities to grow connections with friends, and flourish with ideas and potential. This relaxed state means she is open to creating and learning, and so I know we will continue to see more impressive structures, questions being explored and research conducted through her mahi. Ruby knows how to deeply immerse herself in mahi that allows her to research thoroughly, and I look forward to seeing this unfold. This is a great way to explore mathematical concepts, as the relationship between shapes and sizes is experimented with. The narrative that ran alongside this play will support Ruby's growing literacy skills too, as the story evolves around the play. There is so much learning just waiting to explode, I am so excited to see how it unfolds!

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