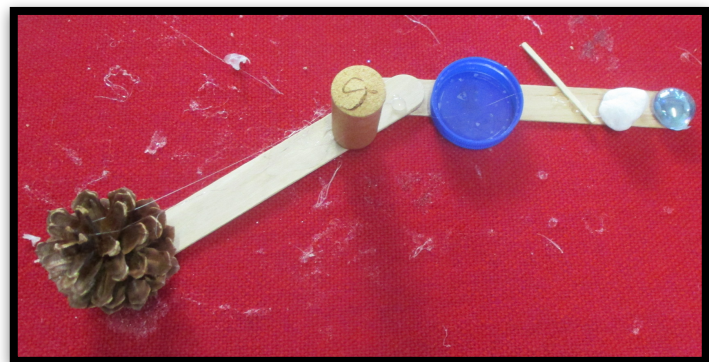
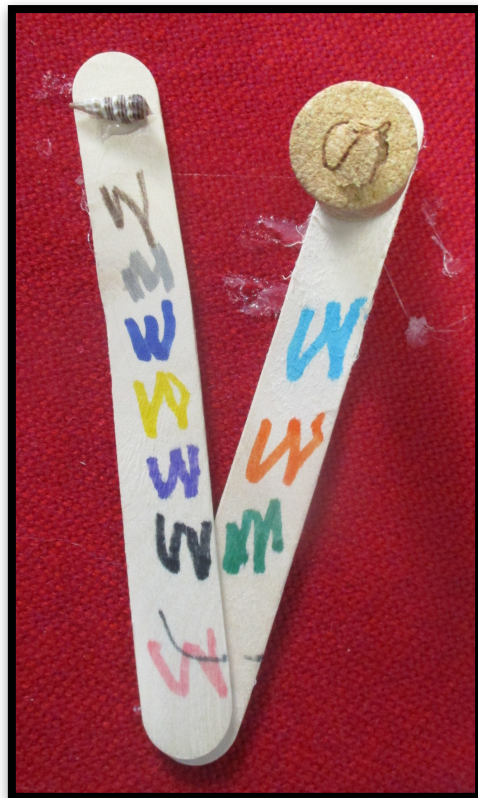


V is for Valentina-Joy

During the rāhui your Grandimere shared your adventures with us on Storypark and it was fabulous to see the fun times you enjoyed with your family. I can see you really enjoyed using the Loose Part pack that you borrowed from the kindergarten lending library and it was wonderful to see the designs you created. Valentina-Joy, today is your first day at kindergarten since the rāhui eased and it so lovely to have you back in our kindergarten whānau! Valentina-Joy, you settled down at the glue gun table and began to create, a letter V was your first design and then closely followed with another design. You decorated your letter V by writing Ws. When you shared your creations with your mummy she said the letter V is your favourite letter. Of course, V for Valentina-Joy! And that you also love the letter W, because it is like two Vs joined together. Some of the loose parts you used in your designs are also part of the Loose Part backpacks and I wondered if the time you spent exploring and experimenting during the rāhui inspired your designs today. There are lots of interesting loose parts in many places throughout our kindergarten for you to use to create, design and tinker with. Have fun exploring the endless possibilities, using your imagination and creativity.



What learning do I see happening for Valentina-Joy?

Valentina-Joy, it is so fabulous to have you and your friends back at kindergarten, we missed playing with you, we missed being your trusted learning companion, and we missed the fun and happy times we share. It is so lovely to see you so happy on your first day back and I can see you are keen to explore, to create and to develop your ideas through your play. What a wonderful plan to create the letter V, the first letter of your name. I love how you have extended this interest to include the letter W too. This is such innovative thinking Valentina-Joy. Your name is very special and unique to you, you are named for being born the day after Valentine's Day and after your great grandma, Valerie, this is your mummy's grandma. Joy was a name your daddy liked and no wonder, you bring so much joy to their world.

How will we stretch and grow this learning?

Valentina-Joy, kindergarten life is now back in full swing and we can't wait to see the direction you lead your learning. It is exciting times indeed as you re-familiarise yourself with the learning environment at kindergarten.