

OER: Workshop

Activity

How the legend could come true

Story: The Family Tale of the Shtarkovs | **Method:** Puppet/Shadow Theatre

Age group: 7-12 years | **Groups of:** up to 20 children

Duration: 30 min. | **Preparation time:** 1 week

Central topic:

- Recreation of “*The Family Tale of the Shtarkovs*” through Shadow Theatre
- Drawing the symbolic meaning of the water in the context of the folkloric plot

Material required:

- Wooden framework with stretched white cloth
- Powerful lamp or spotlight
- Flat silhouette cardboard puppets
- Colorful plates

The aims of this activity are:

- Learn interesting facts about the local history
- Learn how to narrate legends and tales by the means of Puppet/Shadow Theatre
- Develop the imagination and concrete thinking provoked by the attractiveness of this type of theatre
- Read and play expressively the literary text and establish the cause-and-effect relationships in it



Narrative competencies to be developed:

- Development of imagination and teaching narrative skills through the impact of the graphic images of the silhouettes
- Enriching the language competence with possibilities for analysis and sharing
- Upgrading the local history and folklore knowledge and terminology as well as the competences related to the literacy and the establishment of creative skills

Step by step approach:

1. Making a script based on the story
2. Preparation of the necessary silhouettes – cardboard puppets on sticks
3. Making the props of the stage space
4. Introduction of a live performer – a narrator
5. Providing musical background
6. Shadow Theatre performance

