

OER: Workshop

Activity

The Strength of true Friendship

Story: Friends

| **Method:** Puppet/Shadow Theatre

Age group: 7-12 years

| **Groups of:** 20 – 25 children

Duration: 40 min.

| **Preparation time:** 1 week

Central topic:

- Puppet Theatre performance based on the story “*Friends*”
- Enriching the notions and receiving knowledge about the water cycle in nature and different water sources

Material required:

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

The aims of this activity are:

- Have access to the art and become active participants in a Shadow Theater play
- Learn more about the natural phenomena and in particular the water cycle
- Form artistic perceptions, imagination and concrete thinking, provoked by the attractiveness of the Shadow Theater
- Work and create in a team



Narrative competencies to be developed:

- The Puppet Theatre has a constructive role for the mental and intellectual development of the children and is a source of positive emotions for them
- It helps the child spectator or an actor to penetrate the idea and give expression of emotions and achieve skills to narrate and fantasize
- The theatre play with puppets tones up and creates conditions for building team relations
- The acting of the puppet etudes develops the speech, elementary skills for distinctiveness of the puppet character, intonations, logical pause and emphasis

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

