



Once upon a time... book illustration is a project that includes 15 hours of CLIL materials aimed at students in the third cycle of Primary Education.

The project is divided in 3 parts: magical literary landscapes; drawing characters and working on the illustrations of the book, *The Flower*. At the end of the project, teachers will find an additional block for introducing IT, using interactive posters with the web page edu.Glogster.com.

The first part of the project introduces students to the world of book illustration and three main literary landscapes; mystery; fairytale and Adventure Island. Students will design one of those landscapes while learning to create perspective and how to interpret the horizon line in an illustration. The second part centres on characters associated with each literary landscape and students develop their own characters (both human and anthropomorphic) using sketchbooks as a way to collect ideas. The third part focuses on a specific book and encourages students to read and understand images. The book chosen for the third part is, *The Flower*, written by John Light and illustrated by Lisa Evans, because it is the perfect combination of a really good story, amazing illustrations and exemplifies the educational benefits of introducing a cross-curricular topic (preservation of nature). Lisa Evans' illustrations are well-suited for this group age; they invite children to enter into the story, through the presentation of a mysterious character who can easily capture students' imagination.

We must not forget that illustration is an artistic expression and a key visual stimulus in children's lives, relating words and images and also helping them understand the outside world. The project was developed from the idea that we are living in a world

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full of images and visuals and children have to develop strategies in order to read them.

The project embraces arts and crafts, which are important aspects of the Catalan curriculum and moreover, other cross-curricular areas are included in the project such as Literacy and IT.

Why do a CLIL project about art and crafts? I think this subject is perfect for developing CLIL methodology. The art class gives students the opportunity to feel comfortable with the language while developing their creativity. Arts & crafts in CLIL also gives us the opportunity to communicate a really important part of language (expressing feelings, preferences, reasons, thoughts, descriptions...) and also to value and bring other cultures or fantasy worlds to class, creativity, imagination... but most of all, why not say it, our students really enjoy art.

The end.



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