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Module 2: Global Stories Theme 2B: Puppetry Tales

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Theme 2B Focus: Puppetry Tales

Literacy

- ▶ Research global stories including participants' cultural traditions and heritage.
- ▶ Build language understanding, knowledge and skills.

Visual Art

- ▶ Make puppets and devise performances based on global stories.

Community

- ▶ Create events involving friends, families and your community to share stories and performances.

Global Stories: Puppets

People around the world tell stories about their lives, families and communities, the universe, their cultural traditions and beliefs.



Puppets tell great Tales:

- Finger puppets
- Rod & Shadow puppets
- Glove puppets
- Body puppets



Indonesian Rod Puppet
English Glove Puppets
Enrico Baj puppets, Italy
Photographs: June Bianchi

Puppetry Tales



Box Tale Soup: puppets tell real & imagined stories. *Gone* tells tales of migrant families' hopes & survival.

<https://www.boxtalesoup.co.uk/>

<https://www.boxtalesoup.co.uk/Gone.html>



My Future My Choice Talking Heads: children explore historical and cultural stories through puppetry.

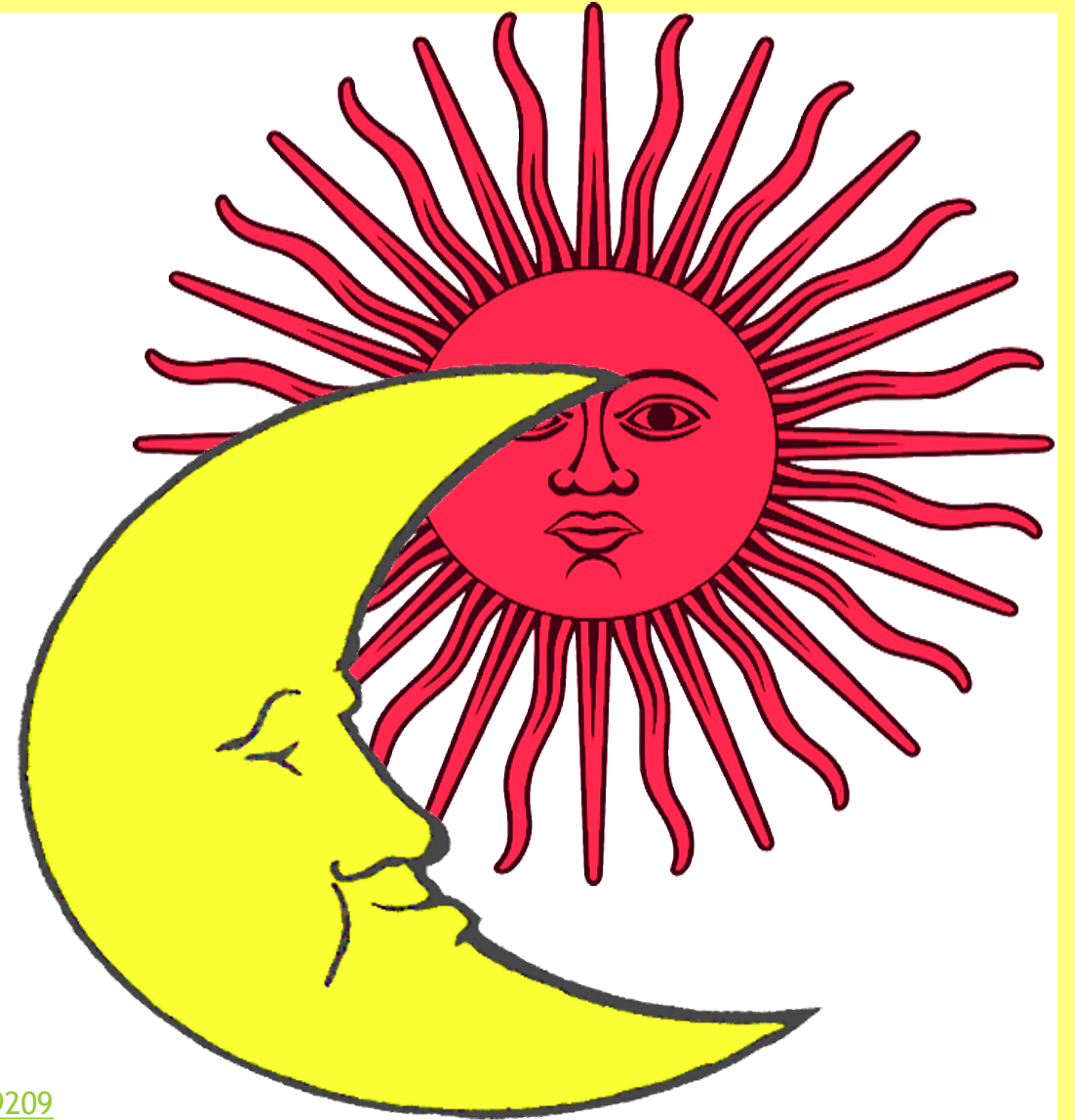
[http://www.myfuturemychoice.co.uk/
programmes/talking-heads-](http://www.myfuturemychoice.co.uk/programmes/talking-heads-)

Levels 1 & 2: Global Story - Inuit Sun & Moon Gods

Anningan the Inuit moon god and his sister Malina the sun god had a quarrel. Anningan chased Malina across the sky but could never catch her. Anningan forgot to eat and became thinner and thinner (as the moon waxed and waned). When Anningan became too thin to run, the moon disappeared. Anningan became fatter and stronger when he ate again and continued to chase Malina. When Anningan catches his sister, the Inuits say it causes a solar eclipse.

http://content.time.com/time/specials/packages/article/0,28804,2046823_2046865_2046803,00.html

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Level 1: Finger Puppet Learning Activities



- Draw, paint, collage or print sun & moon images on paper or card.
- Glue puppets to cut-off glove fingers or make paper rings.
- Perform the story of the Inuit Sun & Moon Gods.

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Level 1: Finger Puppet Learning Activities



- Add characters of Star and Rainbow to the story & make puppets.
- How might Star and Rainbow help or hinder Annigan from catching Malina?
- Develop the story with more celestial puppet characters e.g. planets.

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Level 1: Finger Puppet Learning Activities



- Finger puppets made from felt are fun to make and wear.
- You can sew or glue the felt.

- Make Sun, Moon, Star & Rainbow puppets from felt & scrap material.

- **Watch Video: Lithuanian Legend of the Sun & Moon**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iS3jV-uioFo>

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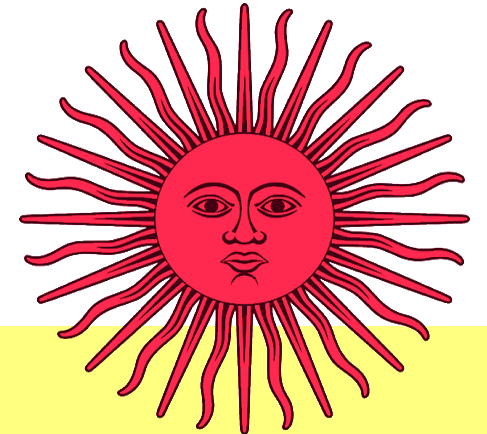
Telling More Tales of the Sun & Moon

Global tales explore the movement of the Sun & Moon and other celestial bodies:

<http://archive.oapd.inaf.it/othersites/stelle/laluna/english/moon2.htm>

<http://worldstories.org.uk/stories/why-the-sun-and-moon-live-in-the-sky/>

<https://springwolf.net/2014/06/09/the-legend-of-the-sun-and-the-moon/>

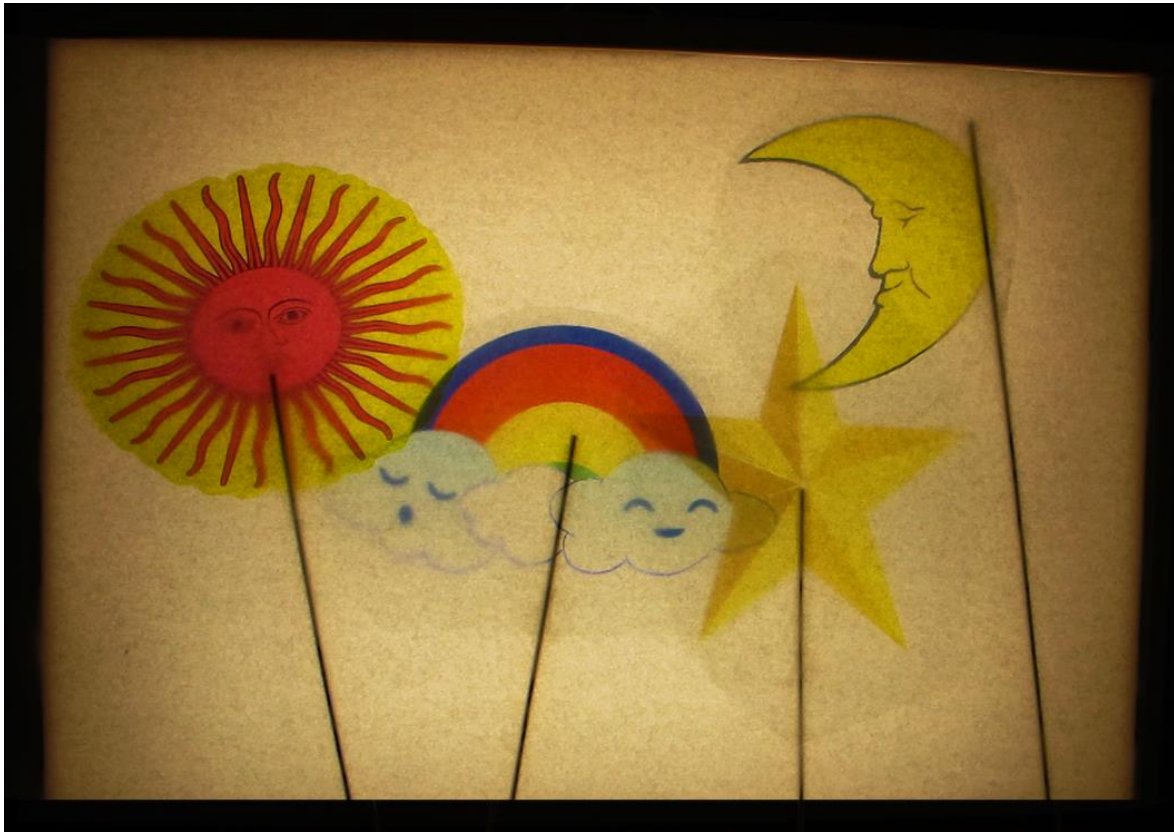


Level 1 & 2: Rod Puppet Learning Activities



- Draw, paint, or print large Sun, Moon, Star & Rainbow images on card.
- Cut out images & attach rods to the back to make Rod Puppets.
- Create and perform a new celestial story using your puppets.

Level 1& 2: Shadow Puppet Learning Activities



Paint, draw, print images on acetate or card to create Shadow Puppets.



Puppeteers move the Shadow Puppets from behind a screen of white cloth or paper with a light shining from behind.

Indonesian Shadow Puppetry



- Watch Video : *Wayang Kulit - Indonesian Shadow Puppets*:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oFOo-nRoGol>
- How are the puppets made and performed?

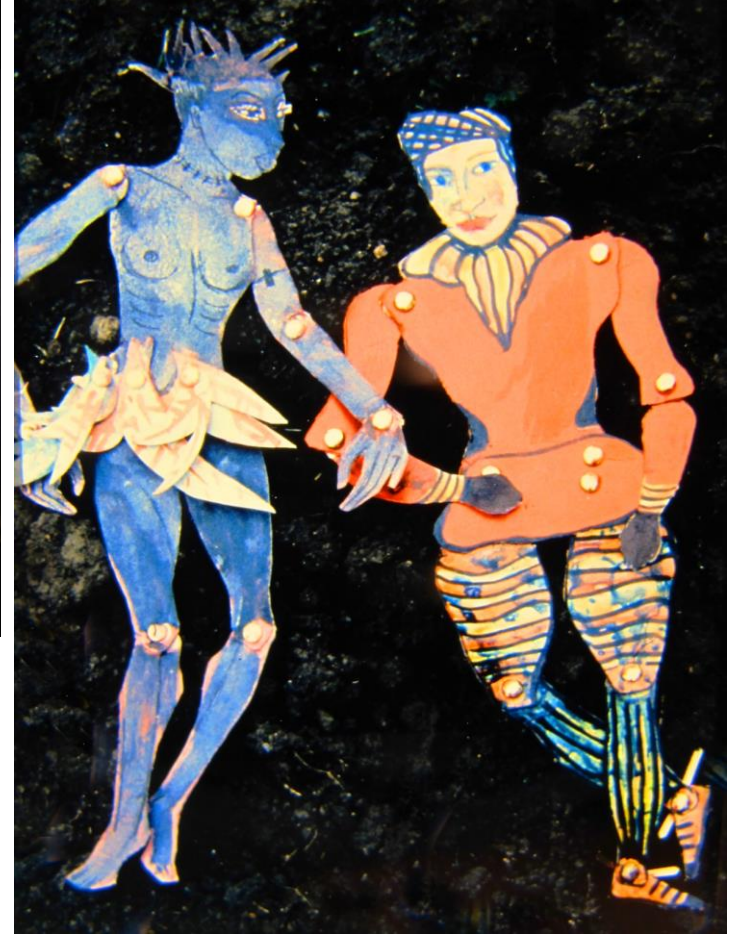
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Rod & Shadow Puppet Development



Develop your Rod and Shadow Puppets - add three dimensional materials and create moveable joints with butterfly clips.

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Level 2: Global Story - Dragons



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Level 2: Global Story - Chinese Dragons

Dragons appear globally in cultural stories - sometimes they are fierce and frightening (St. George and the dragon) - sometimes they are powerful yet helpful. In Asia dragons are regarded as lucky.

Story of the Dragon's Pearl

<https://www.freestoriesforkids.net/the-dragons-pearl/>

Watch a Video of The Dragon's Pearl

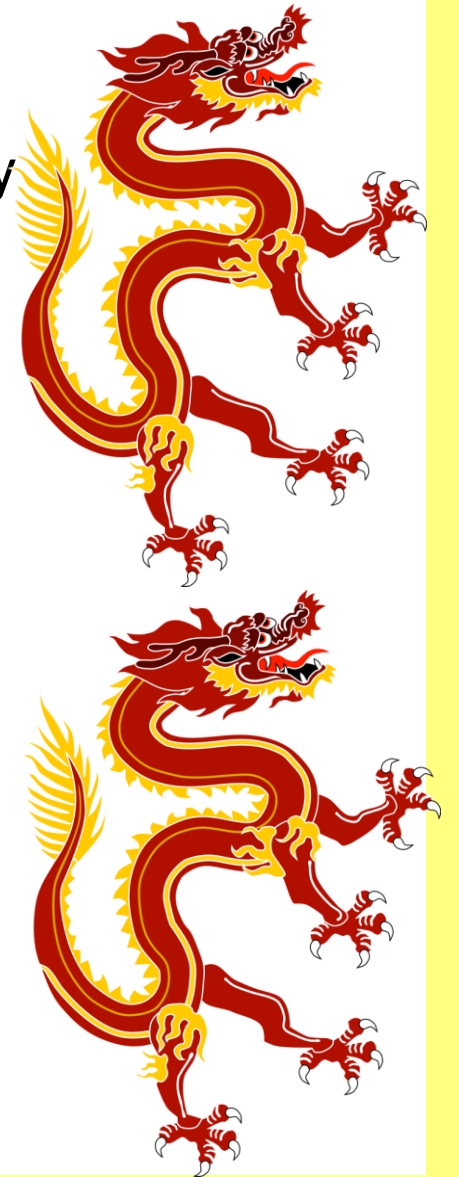
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_iaKgbhrCFw

Watch a Video of The Four Dragons

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PgV_98oD9Rw

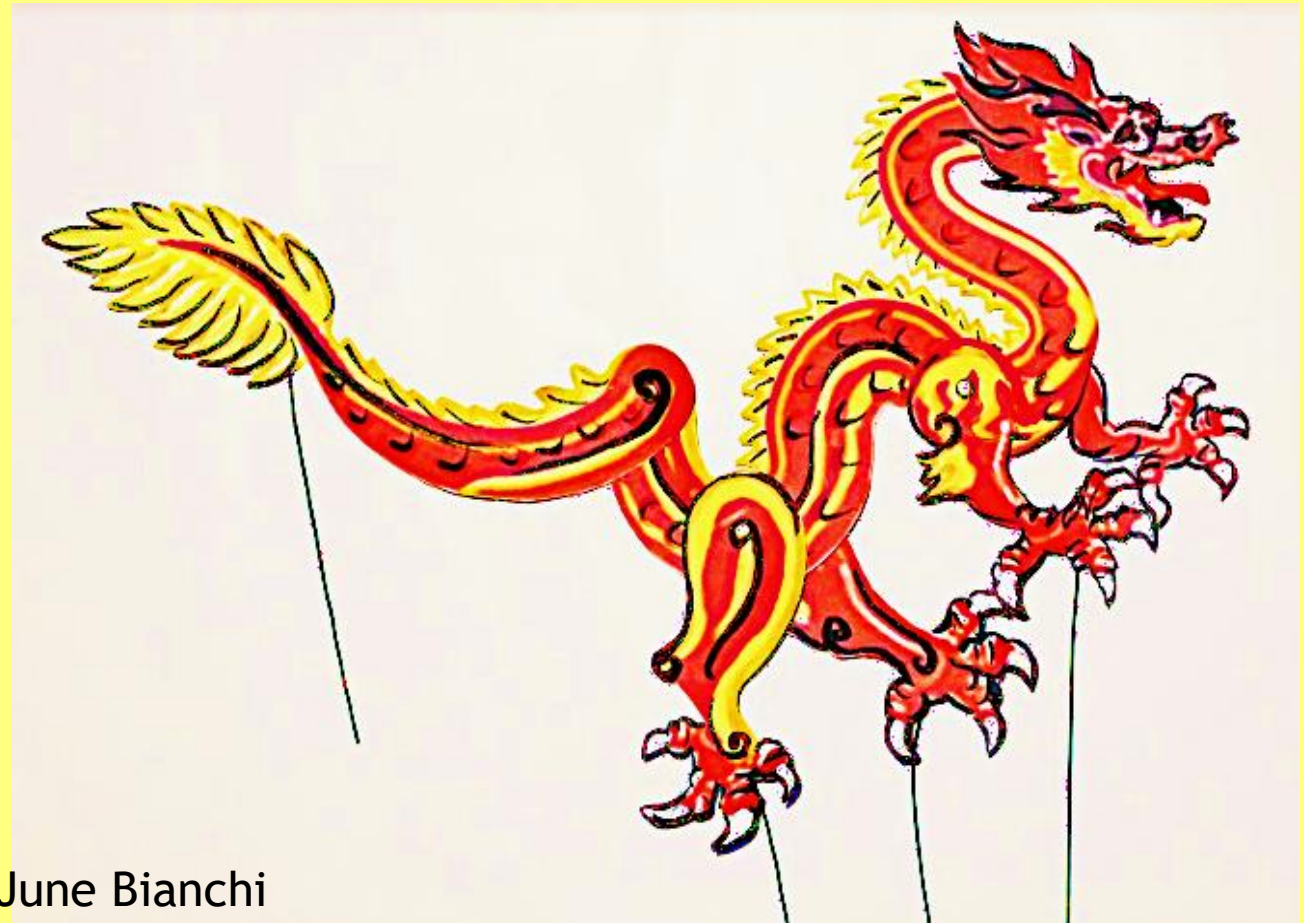
Make a Chinese dragon

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/chinesenewyear/chinesedragon.aspx>



Level 2: Articulated Rod Puppet Learning Activities

- Design & cut out card dragon with separate limbs
- Join limbs to dragon's body with butterfly clips to create moveable joints.
- Attach rods to back of puppet to make dragon move!



Puppet & photographs: June Bianchi

Level 2: 3D Rod Puppet Learning Activities

- Create 3D dragon's head with coloured paper and scraps of fabric.
- Use recycled cut cardboard rolls to create 3D body.
- Add tail.
- String all dragon parts together and add rods.
- Perform a puppet drama about fierce and friendly dragons.



Puppet: Geraldine Goldstraw

Level 2: Shadow Puppet Performance: The Dragon's Pearl



Level 3: Watch this video & turn
yourself into a living dragon:

https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=7D_shlhagBk



Global Stories: Glove Puppets



Photos: June Bianchi Japan



Rajasthan, India



Congo, Africa

Level 3: Day of the Dead Glove Puppet Learning Activities

UNICEF: <https://www.history.com/topics/halloween/day-of-the-dead>

Mexican Sugar-Skull: <https://www.mexicansugarskull.com/history-of-day-of-the-dead/>



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- Blow up balloon head & add cardboard tube for neck
- Glue strips of newspaper to balloon - leave to dry - puncture balloon.
- Paint head in Day of the Dead style
- Make simple fabric body and create a story with your Day of the Dead puppet

Level 3: Body Puppets & Community Learning Activities



- ▶ Use wire, withies (fine cane) & scrap materials to create a body puppet. Puppets are supported on a backpack frame.
- ▶ Create puppet shows and performances at all levels and invite families and the community
- ▶ Create community Mardi Gras

Watch: *Trinidad Carnival - Making Mas*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d5ZqpjsYbfo>

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Further Learning Resources

- ▶ Community Funded Storytelling practices
<https://www.communityfunded.com/blog/storytelling-practices-around-world-teach-us>
- ▶ TED How Stories are Told around the World:
<https://ideas.ted.com/how-stories-are-told-around-the-world/>
- ▶ International Puppetry Union: <https://www.unima.org/>
- ▶ Puppet Place <http://www.puppetplace.org/>
- ▶ Box Tale Soup <https://www.boxtalesoup.co.uk/>