



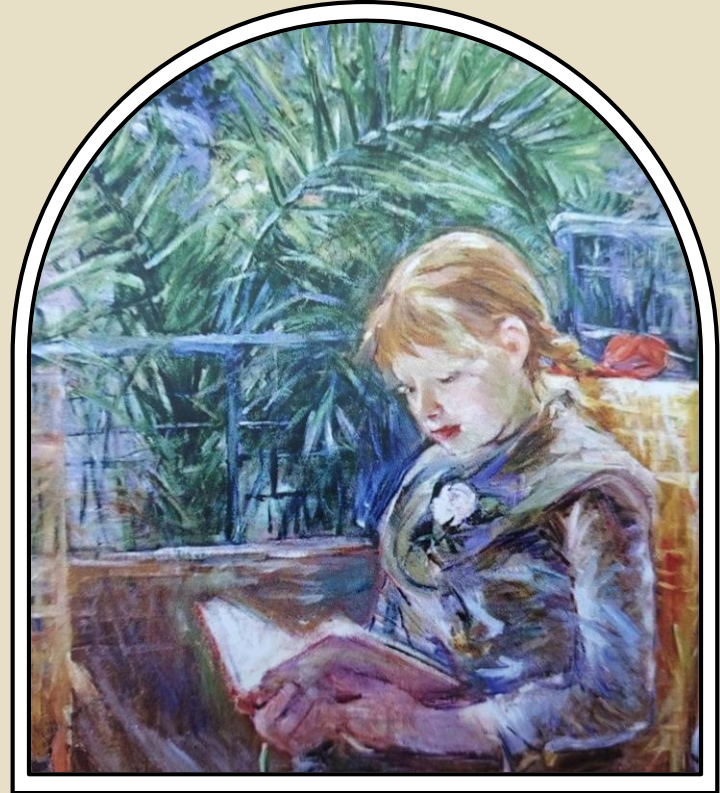
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# Marta

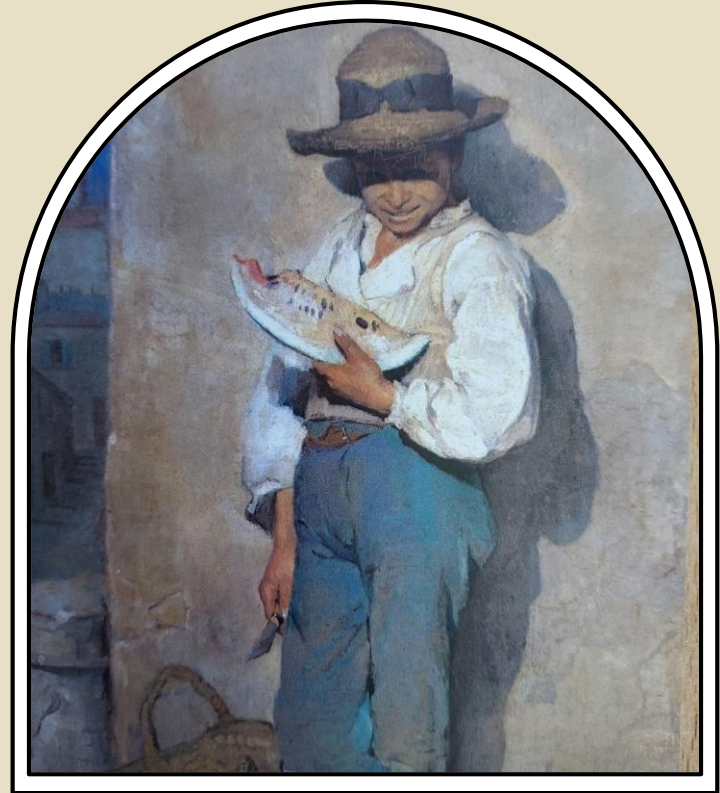
Once upon a time, there was a girl called Marta. She was 5 years old and she really liked reading stories. Sometimes, Marta wore some strange clothes.





# Juanito

She had a friend named Juanito. Juanito was 14 years old. He always wore a big farmer's hat. Juanito had a farm and grew watermelons. He was always eating watermelon.





# Castle

One day Marta and Juanito went to a big castle by the beach. Inside the castle there was a spa, and under the spa there was a cave.

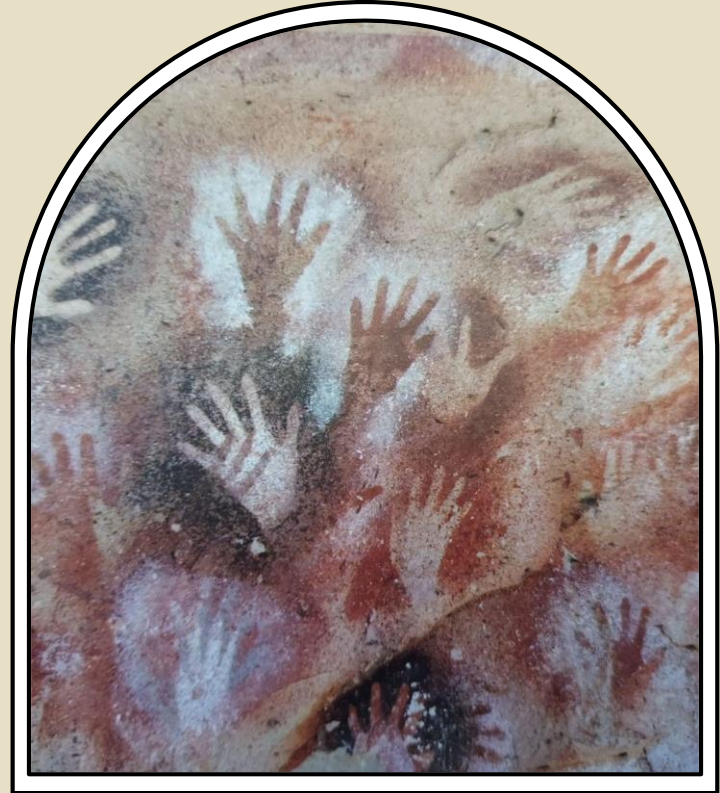






# Cave

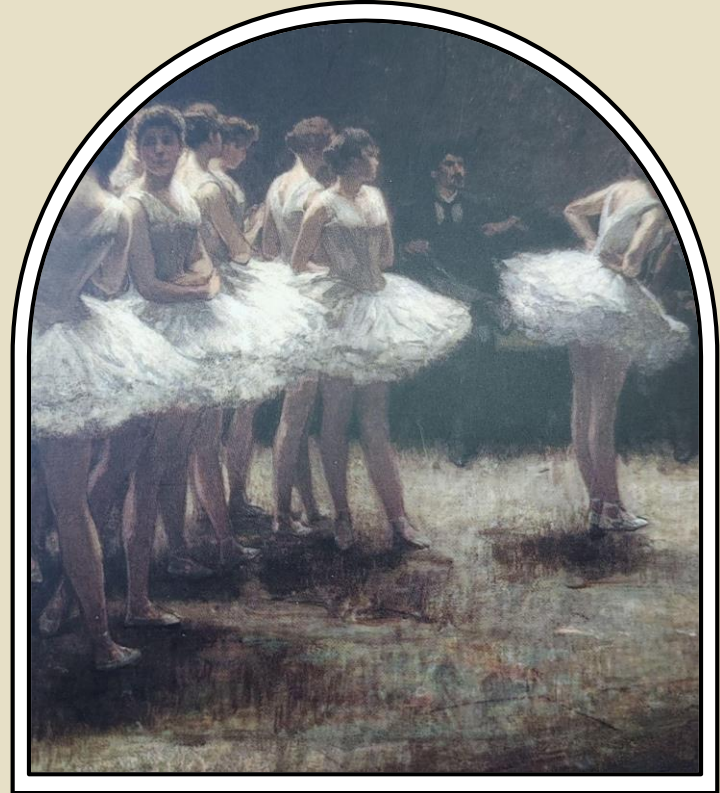
Marta and Juanito wanted to paint their hands on the walls of the cave.





# Ballerinas

But suddenly there appeared a group of ballerinas. They couldn't paint because the ballerinas were dancing and making a lot of noise.





# Magic shells

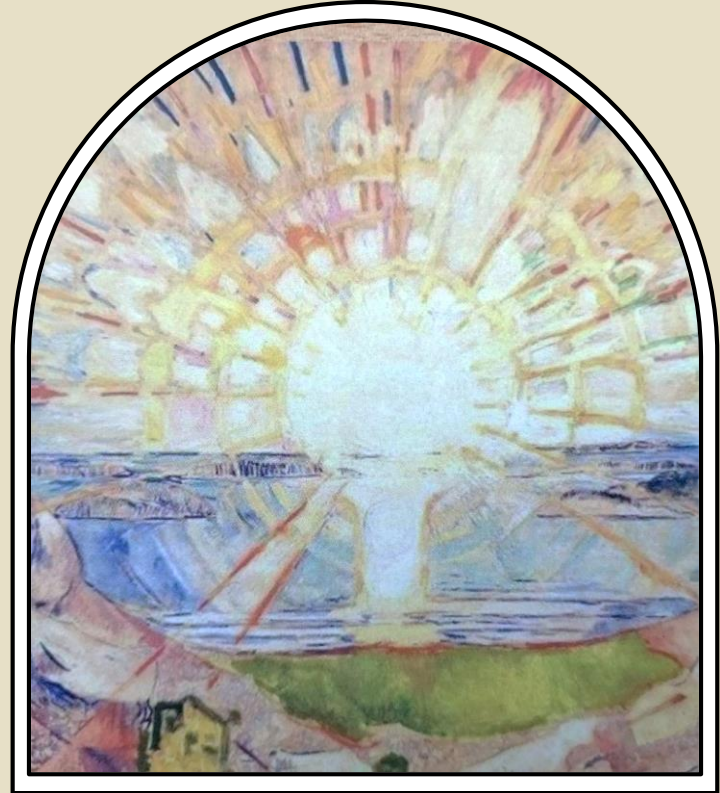
Luckily, Marta found some magic shells that washed up on the floor of the cave. These helped them paint and stamp the walls with their pretty shapes. Thanks to the shells the ballerinas didn't bother them any longer.





# Explosion

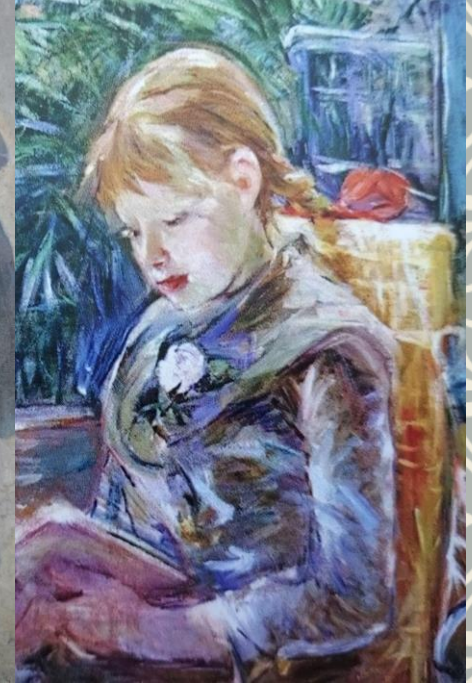
Marta and Juanito were really happy with their painted wall. Suddenly there was an explosion of beautiful Fireworks which exploded with lots of presents raining down. Marta and Juanito were very happy and they lived happily ever after.





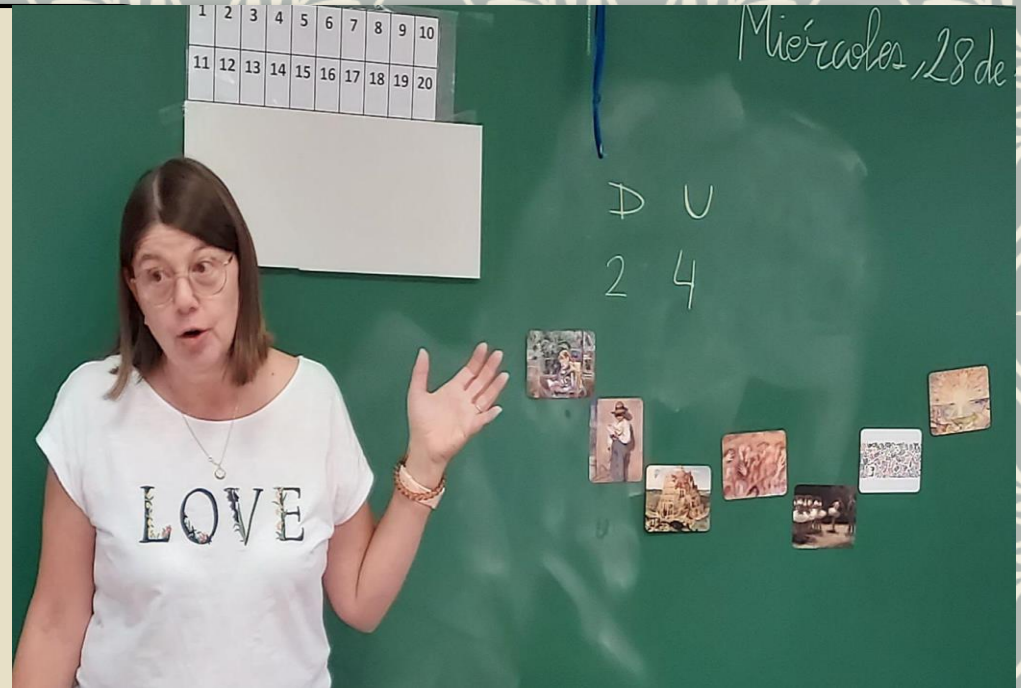


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# Creating a story: Marta and Juanito





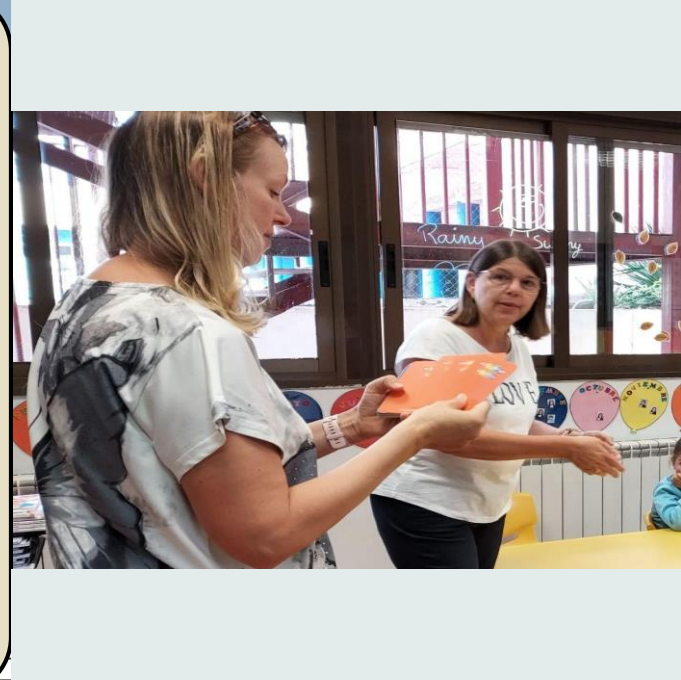
We created the story with children that were 5 and 6 years old. Given the age of the children, most of this was done in Spanish. We showed them all the cards from each category. Each table chose at least one subject and we heard many different ideas.







Our main objective was to stimulate their creativity. The story had to come from within the children and come together as the different children chose cards to shape the story.







The names of the characters as well as the cards were all chosen by different children. The meaning behind the cards was shaped by their classmates and not just the child picking the card. This has given them all a sense that the story belongs to them.





We have many different names for the story:

1. Marta and Juanito go to the castle.
2. Juanito and Marta in the unknown cave.
3. The adventure of Marta and Juanito.
4. Marta and Juanito leave the cave happy.
5. Marta and Juanito in the cave with the ballerinas





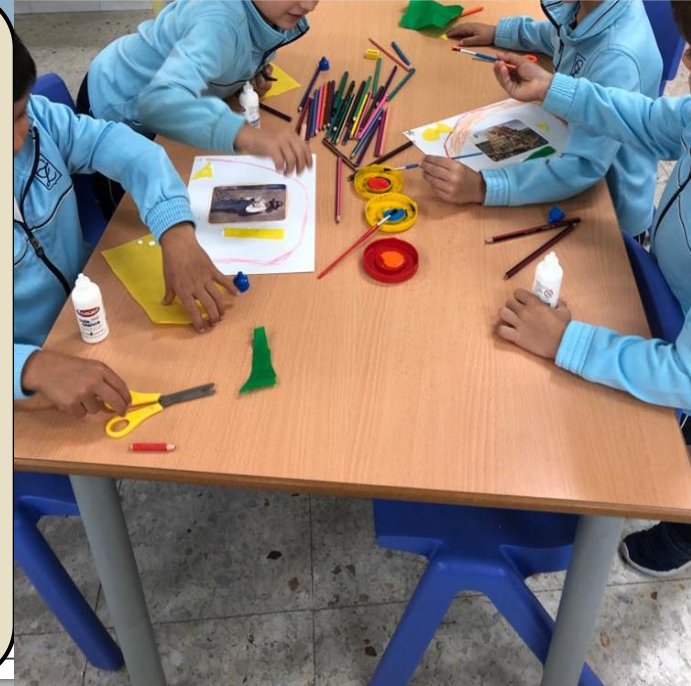
The children really enjoyed this activity and were engaged and full of ideas. Everyone was active and enthused.







We wanted to make a book of the story so that the children could see their creation. We made copies of their chosen cards and glued them on cardboard.







The children were then free to decorate the different pages of the books however they wanted.





When they had finished decorating the books, we added into the book the words so that we can share this book with the other classes.

