



## Benefits of puppetry for children in early years settings

- Making a puppet develops creativity in young children and enhances self-esteem.
- The process of constructing a puppet develops thinking and problem-solving skills in young children.
- Working with puppets encourages young children to become independent learners as they take ownership of the creative process.
- Puppetry is a collaborative process and develops young children's abilities to work in a group context and value each other's contributions.
- Manipulating puppets develops motor skills.
- The process of making puppets and creating a puppet show encourages listening and communication skills.
- The process of developing a puppet's name and character encourages literacy skills in speaking, listening and writing
- Puppetry is fun!

*Chris Hemmings, Senior Primary Adviser considers this to be an "excellent opportunity for schools to enrich their curriculum by providing the children with opportunities to see a high quality performance and to actively participate in workshops and to develop their speaking, listening and team building skills".*

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