

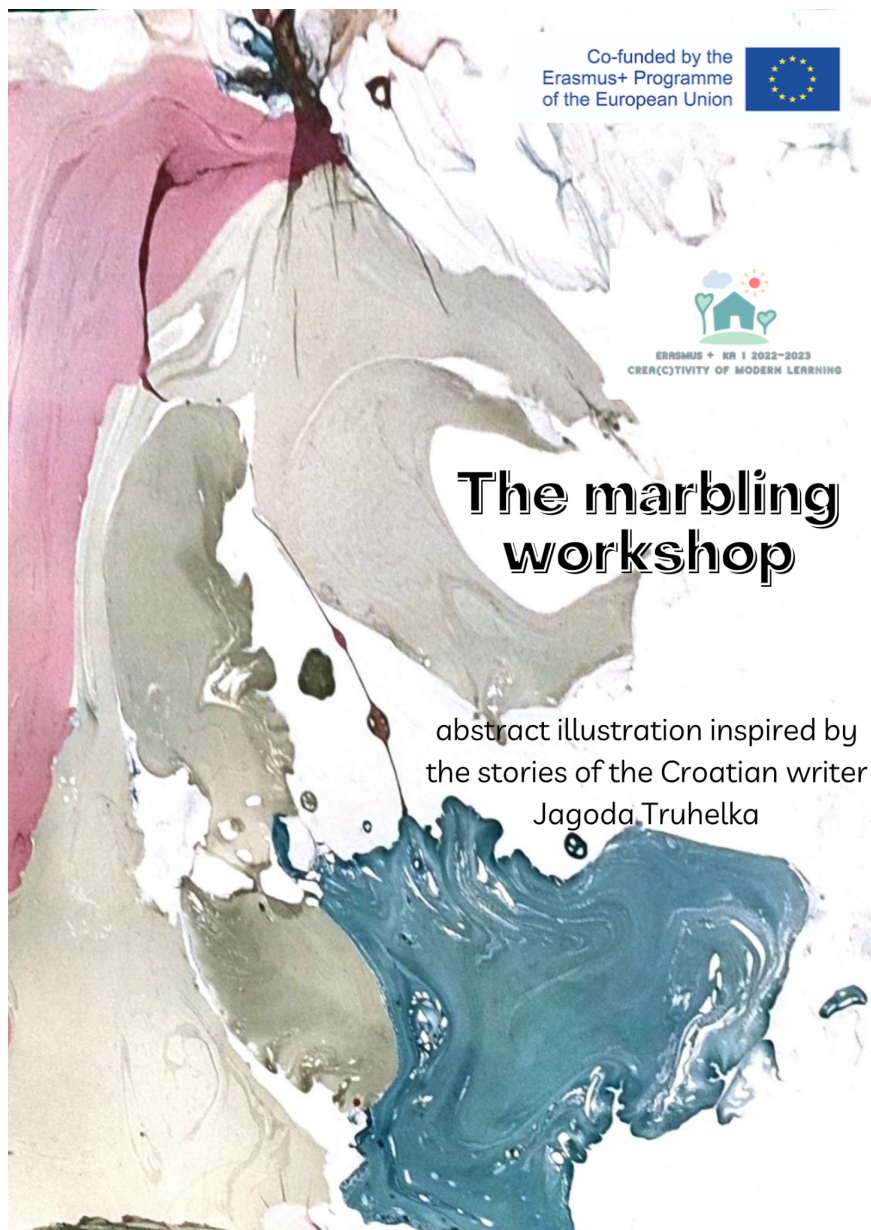
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The marbling workshop: Paper boats made by younger students (2nd grade of Primary school)



Since smaller children also wanted to participate in this project, the 2nd graders were given the task of learning how to make paper boats using the origami technique.



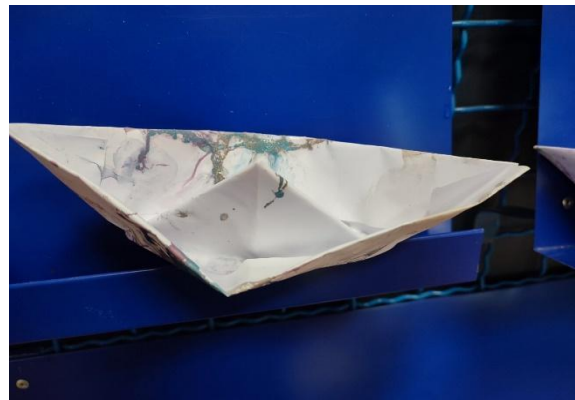
First, teacher Liana Mur read them colourful stories by the Croatian writer Jagoda Truhelka, who often describes the Drava River in her novels, after which the students, inspired by the story, made paper boats and painted them using the marbling technique.



For this technique, they had to have gloves and a special accessory consisting of containers of water into which marble paint was dripped.



Since it is an oil-based paint, it remained on the surface of the water, so by submerging the paper boats on the surface, the students got beautiful abstract pastel decorations on their works.



This is an example of linking the stimulation of reading and the development of creativity, as well as the development of fine motor skills.

After making paper boats, the students wrote their wishes on paper and placed them inside the boats. Then, we released those boats with wishes to sail along the Drava River.



In the end, we talked about river and ocean currents.



This workshop was created and led by the school librarian, Irena Bando and a teacher Liana Mur.

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