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Encouraging the Use of the Storytelling Technique throughout the Curriculum

**By elementary school of Upeslejas  
Welcome to fairytail - my house is my castle**

Once upon a time and still today, the kingdom of the river valley, nowadays called Upeslejas, was ruled by Queen Irena. She cared for both great and small creatures. She loved nature very much, so she settled her castle in the middle of the forest.

Let's look at her possessions. Let's take a look inside. Let's be careful that no one notices. Let's look with the corner of one eye. I open the gates to Upesleju Primary School and after a while I am inside and at a crossroads.

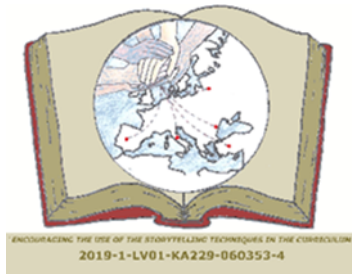
Do you also want to know what's in this castle? Where to go, what to choose. To the right is the primary school. There are four classes in elementary school. On the left is the preschool. Preschool has nine groups. Funeral age from 1,5-2years, 2-3 years, 3-4years, 4-5years, 5-6years, 6-7years, special group. Elementary school of Upeslejas is a school for the development of every child's talents in a safe, educational and ecological environment. A school that provides a modern learning process to develop every child's skills and equip them with the knowledge they need for life. Classes with a small number of students, which allow to provide an individual approach to each child, according to the new competencies.

I want to know what's next. I see the mazes of the castle. The castle has 9 buildings connected by long, bright corridors. You will never get lost in them, because all the corridors lead to the queen's throne. The throne of the queen and court ladies room are next to each other, so that if necessary, the best solutions can be adopted immediately.

The Wall of Fame! So many memories from all Erasmus project partners and all have found a place in the glass throne.

Here is the library reading room where people always find time to gain new knowledge. The library works from the day of the school opening in 1976. There is a wealth of pedagogical literature and methodologies. In the reading room, there are regular literacy sessions organized.

If you need to be heard, always remember the way to this room. Nowadays it is called a psychologist's office.



The schools classrooms are equipped with widescreen monitors, so that the teacher has more opportunities to provide and present teaching materials. Due to the global situation, students are provided with a distance of 2 meters and the opportunity to be on the school bench one by one.

Little courtiers will always find time for attractive games and activities, these games are located in the castle halls and are available to everyone.

The schools hall is usually used for celebrating festivals - Martini, Christmas, Easter. Other types of receptions are also held in the school hall – school meetings, welcoming quests, watching concerts or theatre performances. The hall is equipped with all the necessary communications.

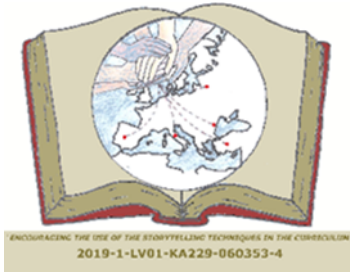
The school's gym has all the equipment you need to make sports activities attractive and fun. A health and sports specialist will make sure that activities are chosen according to the childrens developmental stage. The sports activities are open to both preschool and primary school children.

When you smell mint or food, know that you are near the dining hall. The Dining hall is one of the student's favorite premises.... Preschoolers have breakfast, lunch and late lunch at the school. Students receive a meal a day. The school nurse makes sure that the menu is balanced and includes all the necessary nutrients.

I found a famous and popular place in the castle. This is a favorite place for the Queen, because here you can enjoy peace. Halo therapy. This treatment helps to reduce weakness and headaches, improve sleep and respiratory health.

Symbolic fireplace. In this magical place, the Queen gathers all the people of the court to come together for a moment and feel the warmth of the fire. Here, tales of sorrow are heard, feasts are commemorated. A fireplace is a symbol of love, compassion, and support and is related to family members and friends.

And you will learn one of these stories today!



## How Riga became

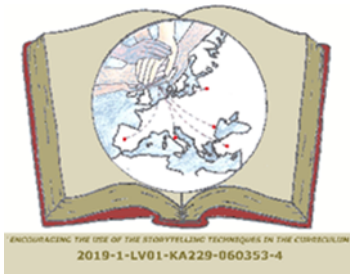
In ancient times, instead of Riga, there was a barn where people went to cultivate crops. One girl was very fun and cheerful and, going to the threshing, shouted: "Let's go, let's go girls! Let's go to the barn (rija), go to the barn (rija), and let's go to Riga!" As she put it "Riga", at that time Riga Castle, which had sunk, rose out of the water. Construction has started around the castle, and it has become Riga.



There is an undoubted reason for calling the Daugava a river of destiny - what happened on the banks of the river went hand in hand with the most important events in the history of its inhabitants. The name "Daugava" comes from the ancient Baltic words "a lot" and "water". As a waterway and a rich fishing place, the Great River has attracted many - both the Latvian old people, who along it created a dense population, and foreign conquerors. The Daugava was the border between the cultural and historical regions of Latvia - Vidzeme and Latgale on the right bank and Kurzeme, Zemgale on the left.

### A legend about Latvian flag

A long time ago, when our land was conquered by enemies, we had won in one of the battles and retrieved a white flag. But in the same fight one of the commanders was injured. Soldiers took this white flag and put it on the ground and laid down the injured commander. Commander lost a lot of blood and died. When he was picked up from the flag, it was colored red. White has left only that place where the dead body of the commander was. With commanders death sorrowed and angry soldiers hung the blood stained flag on the spike, and went into the fight, they dispelled the enemy.



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We live in Latvia and study in the River Valley, where the kingdom of the river valley is still called the river valley today. The "queen" Irena rules here. She cared for both large and small creatures.

Because we are all one big family aren't we?