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At the start of the 20th century, the soft echo of 'aap, noot, mies' could be heard in classrooms across the Netherlands. These were the first words that Dutch children learned to read. Their eyes follow the reading board, which features illustrations by Cornelis Jetses (1873–1955) that bring the words to life. His colourful, imaginative drawings were perfectly suited to the new educational ideas of the time, which emphasised beauty and art.

In the exhibition *Jetses. Art for the Classroom* at the Nationaal Onderwijsmuseum (National Museum of Education), you can explore his illustrations and learn about the man who inspired generations of children to observe, imagine, and learn. Classically trained, Jetses was influenced by the elegant Jugendstil style. His illustrations stimulated children's imaginations and reflected the principles of child-centred education (reform pedagogy). They were designed not only to inform, but also to inspire and enrich.

**This is an exhibition for anyone interested in the power of imagination, illustrated art, and the history of education.**

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