

Using library resources for classrooms: 3rd and 4th Class

Online and local library support

Class lessons, interactive games and activities, pictures, animations, audios, video clips, maps, experiments and teachers' notes for 3rd and 4th classes, all available as a free service on www.askaboutireland.ie.

An initiative of the public libraries, the Ask about Ireland website is a main online educational resource. The content has been developed for the new primary curriculum in co-operation with the National Council for Curriculum and Assessment, the National Centre for Technology in Education, and the Primary Professional Development Service. Content has been prepared by teachers and educational advisors.



Ask about Ireland

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Geography

Earth, Our Planet, Water, Exploring Europe, Ireland, My Local Town, Investigating Foods, People at Work, Farming, Soil, Climate, Animals, Exploring Transport, Using Maps, Directions, Counties, Seas, Rivers, Lakes, Mountains, Cities, Towns.

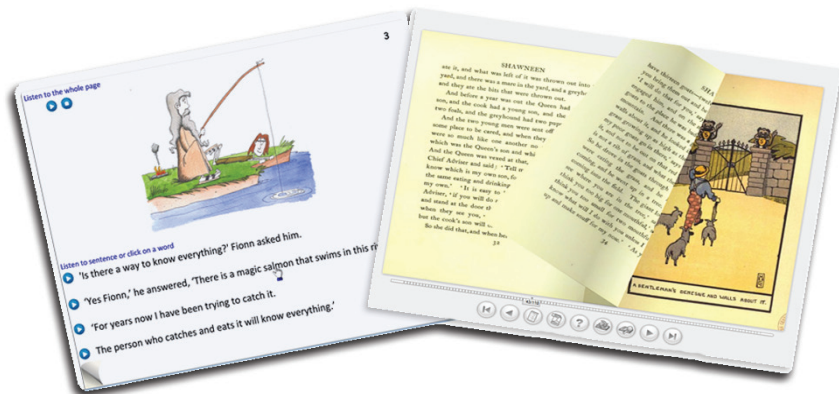
Irish

Scéalta as Gaeilge leis an téacs agus an léitheoir (gach focal, abairt, leathanach agus an scéal go hiomlán), mar shampla: Oisín i dTír na nÓg, Clann Lir; Amhráin as Gaeilge le focail, amhránaí agus uirlisí (mar shampla: Amhrán na bhFiann, An Poc ar Buile); Ár dTimpeallacht; Idirghníomhach.

History

The Stone Age, Early Christian Ireland, Vikings, Normans, Tudors, Ireland in the 17th, 18th, 19th and 20th Centuries, Farming over the Centuries, Early Irish Diet, In our Grandparent's Time, History of Transport, The Royal Canal.





Science

Scientists, Energy, Forces, Materials, Water, My Body, Bones, Muscles, Movement, Floating and Sinking, Melting Ice, Solids, Liquids, Gases, Weight, Volume, Density, Lightning, Electricity, Light, Mirrors, Reflectors, Symmetry, Climate Change.

English

Stories with audios and illustrations (examples: St Brigid's Cloak, The Salmon of Knowledge, The King of Ireland's Son, Deirdre and Naoise, The Magic Shoes). Each word, sentence or page can be played with the text, or the story played in full.

Environment

Habitats, Birds, Animals, Insects, Amphibians, Trees, Flowers, Fruit, Hedgerows, Rocks, Soil, Rivers, Sea Life, Oceans, Tides, Climate Change, Greenhouse Effect, Caring for the Environment, Litter and Waste, Energy Savers, Green Schools, Composting, Recycling, Growing your own.



3rd and 4th Class Teaching Resources

Pictures

Locate photos for use in lessons from over 75,000 images in the search facility.

Songs

Teach favourite Irish songs in both English and Irish using the voice/instrumental accompaniment. Play/pause songs verse by verse.

Games

Play games on a lesson topic using PCs or an interactive whiteboard.

Ebooks

Access over 500 ebooks on the site. Locate books by county or by subject.

Eco Detectives

Discover climate change activities and teacher guides for 3rd and 4th class. Includes interactive games, resource cards, and the Eco Detectives game.

Months of the Year

Print the 12 Months of the Year posters, view animated versions, listen to descriptions for each month or play the month-themed game.

Interactive Activities

Play fun activities for each lesson topic, including extension activities, group work, inquiry-based activities.

Talking Ebooks

Practice reading and pronunciation with pupils, or just listen to stories played in full. A selection of the most popular traditional Irish stories are available in both English and Irish.

Maps

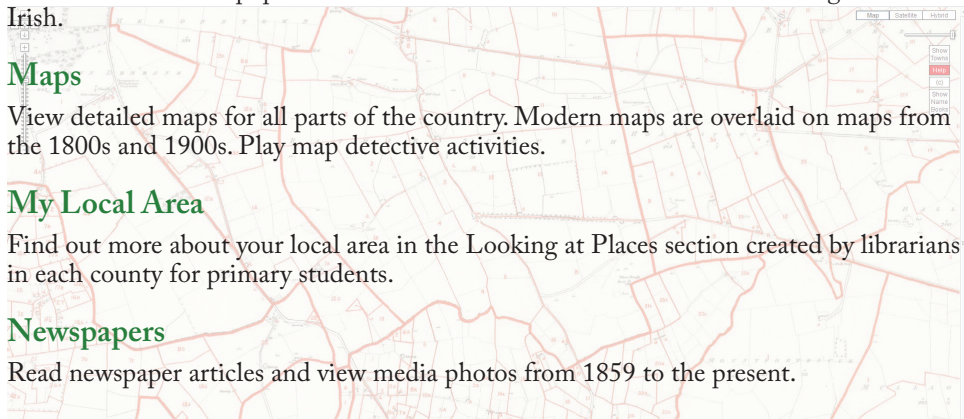
View detailed maps for all parts of the country. Modern maps are overlaid on maps from the 1800s and 1900s. Play map detective activities.

My Local Area

Find out more about your local area in the Looking at Places section created by librarians in each county for primary students.

Newspapers

Read newspaper articles and view media photos from 1859 to the present.



Field Guides

Explore your local environment using the school field guide series with practical information, activities, photos, games and classroom follow-up projects.

Fact Sheets

Locate a ready-made information sheet for pupils on a lesson topic. The environmental fact sheet series includes land and marine animals, trees and flowers. The sheets are also available for printing as posters or A4 handouts.

Videos

Find video clips to support a lesson. Collections of videos are available on: Ireland in the Early 1900s, the Easter Rising, the War of Independence, the Civil War, Significant Irish Events, Irish Crafts, School Gardens, Birds in Ireland, Irish Wildlife and Wildlife Drawing, Nature Walks, Trees, Irish cooking, Our Living Habitats, and Climate Change.

Posters

Print posters for your classroom from a range of topics. The most popular posters include How to do a Great Project, Steps to Greener Living and posters on recycling, rivers, farms, towns and gardens etc.

Stories

Listen to traditional Irish stories for children in both Irish and English. Play each word, sentence or page of a story individually.

Borrow Library Books Online

Access a single catalogue search for every library in the country. Find the item you want and request delivery to your nearest library for collection.

CultureNet

Plan a school trip or cultural outing for pupils using the listing of museums, galleries, heritage and cultural centres, theatres, libraries and archives by county. Includes descriptions for each.

Reference Sources

Irish Times Archive – all articles published by the newspaper from 1859 onwards.

Jstor – Irish journals in Arts, Humanities and Science from 1700s to the present.

Ordnance Survey Ireland Maps – includes Historic Maps Viewer.

Griffith's Valuation – records for tenants/landlords and maps identifying all dwellings in the country in the mid 1800s.



Project Focus

» Buildings and Monuments in Irish History

Stone Age to the present – dolmens, graves, tombs, stone circles, standing stones, forts, monasteries, churches, abbeys, cathedrals, round towers, high crosses, castles, big houses.

» Traditional Irish Craft Work

How is Wool Made?; Building a Thatched Roof; How is Butter and Flour Made?; A Blacksmith at Work; How are Cobble Stones Laid?; Working with Leather; How to Make Pottery.

» A Journey Through Ireland in 1904

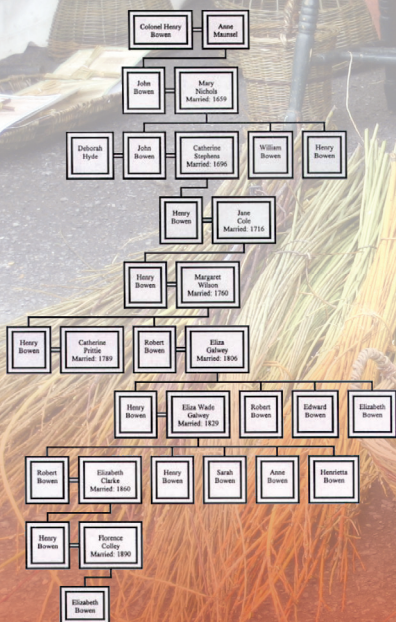
Focus on: children, schools, work, music, holidays, religion, families, health.
Read the story of: the school boy, the shop girl, the fisherman, the policeman, the mother, the lady of fashion, the tourists etc.

» Your Family Tree and Your Local Place

Irish place names, Irish surnames, detailed maps of Ireland from the 1800s, census records, church records, migration records and gravestone inscriptions.

» Sport in Ireland

GAA, rowing, handball, road bowling, hill-walking, kayaking, surfing, mountain biking and much more.



» Exploring Old Postcards

Irish postcards from the 1800s and 1900s. Collections are from different parts of the country.



» Irish Artists and Writers

Paintings from galleries, artists in different counties, Irish art and different art themes, Irish authors and book reviews, famous Irish writers in history.

» Exploring a virtual Irish Museum

Photos, 3D views and descriptions from prehistory, the Early Medieval Period, the Viking Age, the Medieval Period and natural history. Objects from Irish museums include: stone carvings, manuscripts, boxes, collars, jugs, knives, glassware, swords, jewellery, silverware and tools.

» Field Trips

Detailed field guides, photos and activities for: Exploring a Hedgerow, Exploring Rocks and Soil, and Exploring a River.

» Traditional Irish Music

Different types of traditional music, how instruments sound, songs, origins of Irish traditional music, Irish musicians.



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