

Using library resources for classrooms: Junior and Senior Infants

Online and local library support

Class lessons, interactive games and activities, pictures, animations, audios, video clips, maps, experiments and teachers' notes for Junior and Senior Infants' 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

Ask about Ireland Teacher Resources

Junior and Senior Infants

Junior and Senior Infants' Subjects



Geography

My Play Places, Finding Toys in the Playground, Moving Molly with Arrows, Hiding Molly, Bringing Red Riding Hood Home, Finding Hidden Treasure, Organising the Coloured Boxes, Matching and Drawing in the Playground, Signpost Maps, Finding Our Way Home, Places in My Town, Sammy the Seagull, Tidying the Park, Colouring Ireland, Map of My Bedroom.

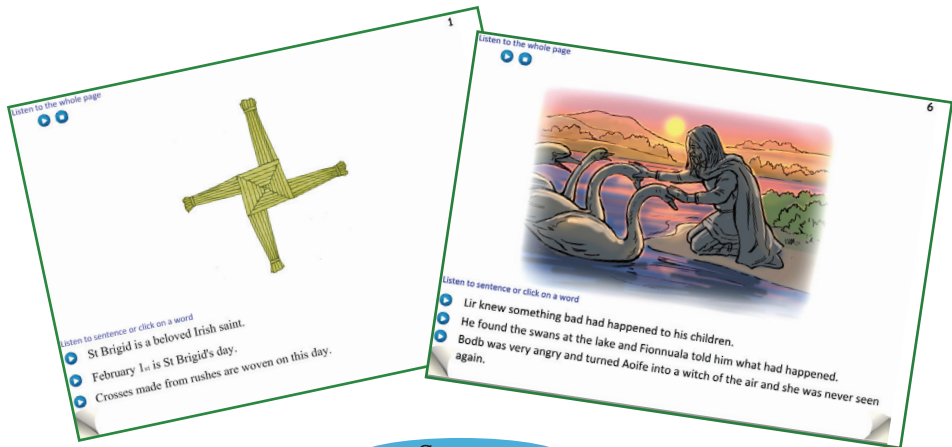
Irish

Scéalta simplí 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: Beidh Aonach Amárach, An Poc ar Buile).

History

Toys and Games my Grandparents Played, Story of my Grandma's Crolley Dolly, Teddy Sid's Story, Teddy Sid's Timeline, Kelly Family Timeline, Rymes My Auntie Learned in School, Teddy's Song, Colour in Teddy, Sorting Toys on the Timeline, Organising the Toy Boxes, New Words, Playing the Games My Grandparents Loved: Hopscotch, Queenie Eye O!, Pussy 4 Corners, Red Rover, Bluebells.





Science

Group the Living Things, Can You Tell the Difference? Match the Parts for Living Things, Light and Shade, Sounds Around Me, Pushing and Pulling, Finding Energy, Match the Colours, Hot and Cold, What Sinks? Sinking and Floating, What's the Weather Like? Hot and Cold Weather, Colouring the Farm.

English

Simple stories with audio and pictures (examples: St Brigid's Cloak, The Salmon of Knowledge, The Magic Shoes). Each word, sentence or page can be played with the text, or the full story played in full.

Environment

Furry Friends, Where Animals Live, Bugs and Beasties, Feathered Friends, Leafy Love-lies, Watery Wonders, Caring for Our Environment, Saving our Water, Growing Our Own, Preparing our School Garden, Recycling and Composting in Our School, Feeding Birds, Nature each Month.



Junior and Senior Infants 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.

Eco Detectives

Discover climate change activities and teacher guides for Junior and Senior Infants. 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.

Maps

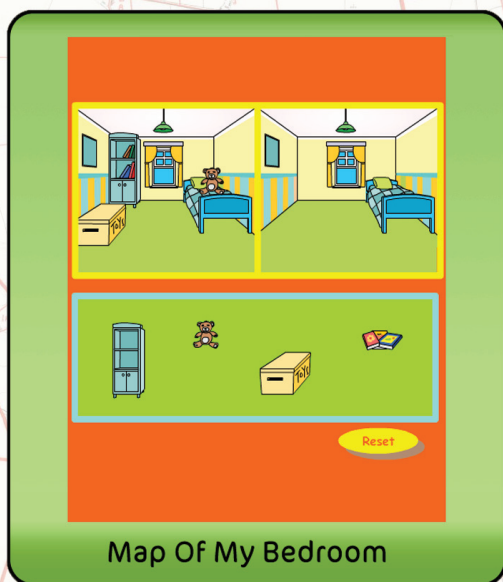
View detailed maps for all parts of the country. Modern maps are overlaid on maps from the 1800s and 1900s. Play map detective activities.

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.

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.

Eist leis an leathnach lómáin [Listen to the whole page](#)

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Eist le habairt nó cliccáil ar fhocal [Listen to sentence or click on a word](#)

- Ba bhreá le Fionn éisteacht le scéalta an tseanfhir.
- Chabhraigh sé le Finnéagas le hobair an tí.
- Bhí sé an-fhiosrach go deo agus chuir sé an t-uafás ceisteanna ar Fhinnéagas.
- Ach ní raibh sé in ann gach uile cheist a bhí ag Fionn a fhreagairt.



Junior and Senior Infants: Investigation Skills Focus



Exploring Things in a Museum

What can I find in a museum?

Can you guess what they were used for?

Enter the virtual museum and look at photos and 3D views of objects from the Stone Age onwards. Objects include books, boxes, collars, jugs, glasses, swords, jewellery, tools etc.



Going on a Nature Fieldtrip

What can we discover in our local area?

Who do we find in a hedgerow? What are rocks used for? Who lives in the ground?

Primary field guides, photos and activities on: Exploring a Hedgerow and Exploring Rocks and Soil.



Discovering Different Sounds, Music and Instruments

Can you tell the difference between the sounds of each instrument?

Can you guess how each instrument is played?

Listen to different types of music, play the sound of each instrument, discover what each instrument looked like and learn simple songs in both English and Irish.



Reference Sources for Teachers



Ebooks

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



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 for by county. Includes descriptions for each.



Irish Times Archive

View all articles published by the newspaper from 1859 onwards



Jstor

Access Irish journals in Arts, Humanities and Science from 1700s to the present



Ordnance Survey Ireland Maps

View modern maps and explore old maps using the Historic Maps Viewer.



Griffith's Valuation

Find maps identifying all dwellings in the country in the mid 1800s and views records for tenants/landlords.



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