



- your child will learn to think about and question what they read and to consider authors' different perspectives. This will help them to express their own preferences and opinions.
- your child will see links between English and Irish and come to understand that what they learn in one helps when learning the other language.
- your child may be exposed to languages other than English and Irish as the new Language Curriculum highlights the importance and value of acknowledging and promoting all children's home languages.
- your child will have opportunities to engage with technology in creative and imaginative ways, supporting a positive and responsible attitude towards its use.

Overall, the new Language Curriculum supports teachers in providing language learning experiences that will help each child reach their full potential in English and Irish.

### **How does the Language Curriculum help my child to learn Irish?**

The new Language Curriculum will support your child to learn Irish at a pace and level that suits them. In an English-medium school, your child will be encouraged to use Irish in Irish lessons and during the school day.

Gaeltacht schools and Gaelscoileanna can choose to teach through Irish during the whole school day for a period up to the end of senior infants.

Where this happens, your child will learn English in school after this period of time. Schools work with parents and boards of management when making this decision.

Support is available at the website below to help you and your child to use Irish at home.

### **Is the rest of the primary curriculum changing?**

Yes, the primary curriculum (1999) is currently being reviewed and will be redeveloped in the coming years. See [www.ncca.ie/primary](http://www.ncca.ie/primary) for more information.

### **Where can I find more information?**

The Language Curriculum can be viewed at [www.curriculumonline.ie](http://www.curriculumonline.ie). There are videos introducing the curriculum as well as other material looking at different aspects of language learning and teaching.

### **How can I support my child at home?**

As a parent or guardian, you can encourage your child to talk about things that interest them and to have fun with reading and writing. You can also encourage your child to read different genres, such as stories and poems and to give their thoughts and opinions on them. You might also give them opportunities to take part in different types of writing, for example, creating a shopping list, sending an email to a relative, writing a story or report as part of a library project. Additional information for parents can be found at [www.ncca.ie/en/primary/resources-for-parents](http://www.ncca.ie/en/primary/resources-for-parents).