

HOLISTIC LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT ■ PLAY AND HANDS-ON EXPERIENCES

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RELEVANT AND MEANINGFUL EXPERIENCES ■ COMMUNICATION AND LANGUAGE ■ THE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

# Aistear

Creachturclam na Luath-Óige  
The Early Childhood Curriculum Framework

Aistear is the curriculum framework for all children from birth to six years. It describes learning and development using four themes.

## Aims (page 44)

Children will

- learn about and make sense of the world around them
- develop and use skills and strategies for observing, questioning, investigating, understanding, and problem-solving
- explore ways to represent ideas, feelings, thoughts, objects, and actions through symbols
- have positive attitudes towards learning and develop dispositions like curiosity, playfulness, perseverance, and confidence.



## Aims (page 17)

Children will

- be strong psychologically and socially
- be as healthy and fit as they can be
- be creative and spiritual
- have positive outlooks on learning and on life.



## Aims (page 35)

Children will

- use non-verbal communication skills
- use language
- broaden their understanding of the world by making sense of experiences through language
- will express themselves creatively and imaginatively.



## Aims (page 26)

Children will

- have strong self-identities and will feel respected and affirmed
- have a sense of group identity
- be able to express their rights and show regard for the identity, rights and views of others
- see themselves as capable learners.

Aistear complements and connects with

- The Free Pre-school Year in Early Childhood Care and Education Scheme
- Siolta, The National Quality Framework for Early Childhood Education
- The Revised Child Care (Pre-School) Regulations (in particular Article 5)
- The Primary School Curriculum
- Literacy and Numeracy for Learning and Life.

## Aistear Toolkit

The on-line Aistear Toolkit provides a range of resources including video clips, tip sheets, information leaflets, and podcasts to help you use Aistear in your setting. You can find the Toolkit at [www.ncca.ie/aisteartoolkit](http://www.ncca.ie/aisteartoolkit).



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