

## FOCUS

The focus for this resource is understanding local place-names in Northern Ireland. Children will be supported through active learning and research to explore how culture, language, geography and history have influenced the naming of the places we live in today. The resource can also support Shared Education Partnerships who are exploring their shared heritage.

## LANGUAGE AND LITERACY

### THE WORLD AROUND US (aspects of history and geography)

- Interdependence
- Movement and Energy
- Place
- Change over Time

### PDMU (MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING IN THE LOCAL AND GLOBAL COMMUNITY)

- Mutual Understanding in the Local and Wider Community

## PLACE-NAMES IN NORTHERN IRELAND

This ICL provides suggestions for connecting learning across the curriculum, with a particular emphasis on the Northern Ireland Curriculum key element of Cultural Understanding. The resource is based on materials created by the Northern Ireland Place-Name Project (NIPNP) at Queen's University, Belfast.

Many primary schools have developed Shared Education Partnerships and this resource may be useful for KS2 classes taking part in collaborative work with partnership schools, whether they are part of a local community or in different locations.

As teachers work through the ICL, choosing ideas to use in the classroom or for shared learning in a school partnership, they should find opportunities to connect to existing topics and the curriculum, in particular:

- The World Around Us
- Language and Literacy
- Personal Development and Mutual Understanding.

There are six lesson activity areas to choose from in the ICL:

1. The language in our place-names – words matter.
2. People from the past remembered in our place-names: do you have a local hero?
3. Knowing our place: place-names and early settlements.
4. Nature and place-names.
5. Legends: what stories are hiding in our place-names?
6. Maps and place-names: townland, parish, barony, county, province?

There are a range of activities. Teachers should choose those most appropriate for their situation and pupils.

Throughout this ICL, you will find references to the Northern Ireland [Place-names Database](#).