

# Exploring and Thinking

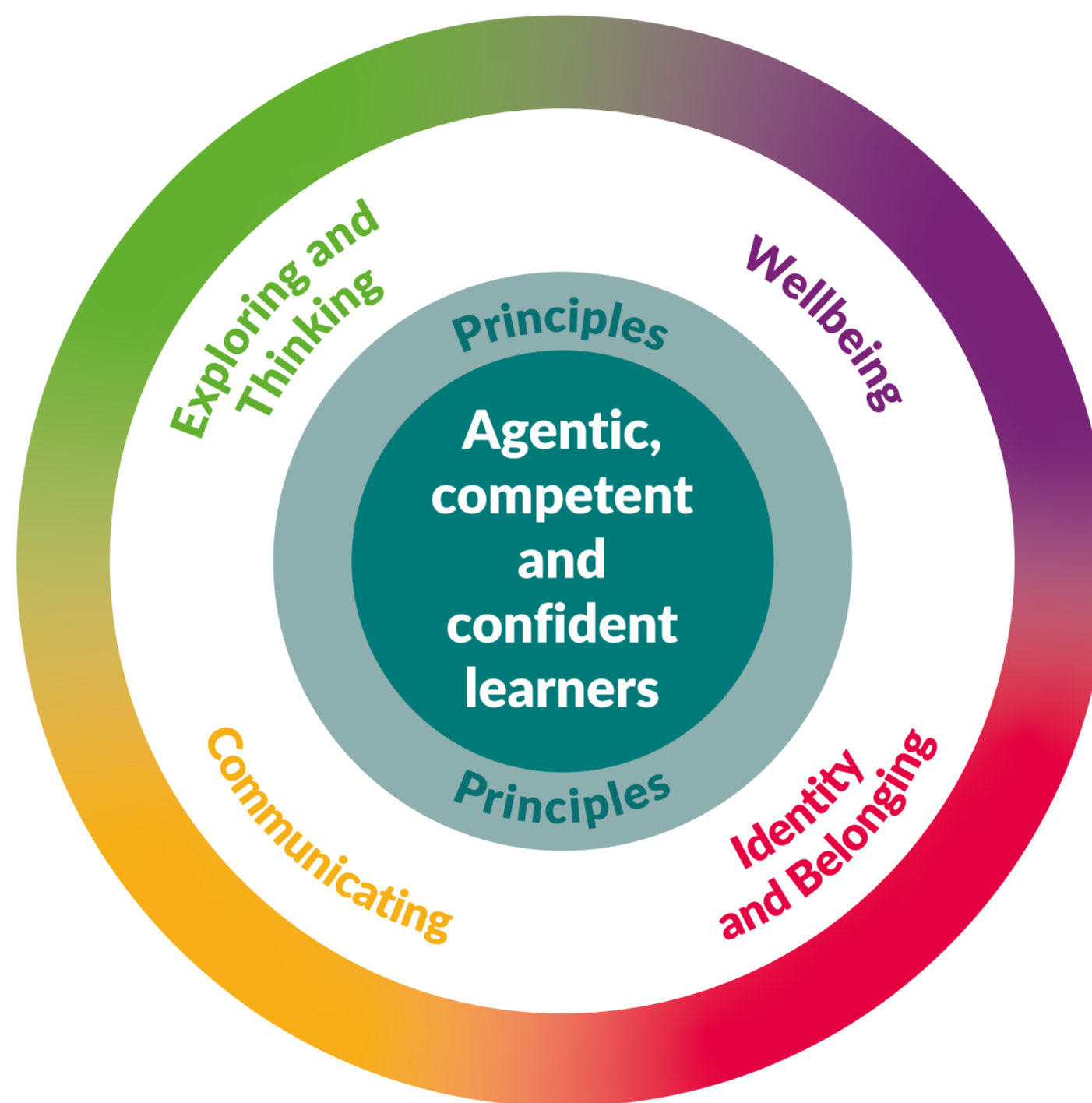
Aistear uses four interconnected Themes to describe how babies, toddlers and young children learn and develop. **Exploring and Thinking** is one of these Themes.

## Aim 1

Babies, toddlers and young children will learn about and make sense of the world around them.

## Aim 3

Babies, toddlers and young children will have opportunities to learn, to connect with *dúlra* (nature) and to spend meaningful time in the outdoors.



## Aim 2

Babies, toddlers and young children will develop and use skills and strategies for observing, questioning, investigating, understanding, negotiating and problem-solving and come to see themselves as explorers and thinkers.

## Aim 4

Babies, toddlers and young children will have positive attitudes towards learning and develop dispositions like independence, curiosity, *spraíúlacht* (playfulness), perseverance, resilience, *muinín* (confidence), resourcefulness and risk-taking.

Aistear's Theme of Exploring and Thinking is about babies, toddlers and young children being *fiosrach* (curious) and making sense of the things, places and people in their world by interacting with others, playing, investigating, thinking, questioning, and forming, testing and refining ideas.

