

Role Badges

During primary science lessons, children should be encouraged to share their thoughts, questions, and ideas. Working scientifically in small groups helps them engage actively in discussion and collaboration. Through this, they take on roles and responsibilities that reflect real-life industrial and academic contexts.

Give each child a specific role within their group and provide an appropriate badge to identify it. The images below can be photocopied onto card and made into badges. Keep sets of badges in labelled group wallets so they can be used regularly in your science lessons.

Encourage children to swap badges in subsequent lessons. This ensures that every child experiences the varied responsibilities associated with each role and develops a broader understanding of teamwork and scientific enquiry.

Health and Safety Manager

Ensure everyone works safely during practical activities. Check for potential risks, remind the group about safe behaviour, and make sure equipment is used correctly.

Communications Manager

Encourage the group to share ideas and observations. Help gather everyone's thoughts and report the group's findings or decisions back to the class.

Data Manager

Keep a record of the group's work, written or pictorial. This might include predictions, results tables, lists of resources, or conclusions. Make sure the group's scientific thinking is clearly recorded.

Resources and Sustainability Manager

Organise all equipment, collecting, setting up, and putting it away safely. Make sure resources aren't wasted, encourage reuse, and help the group think about recycling and sustainability.

People Manager

Make sure everyone is included and able to take part. Support teamwork within the group, help resolve disagreements, encourage cooperation, and ensure every member contributes positively to the investigation.

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