

### **Little Scientists Water Workshop**

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#### Little Scientist provides the provocation to:



#### Unleash the scientist within you!

## But you do NOT need to know the scientific answer to do research with 3-6 year old children !

There is NO right or wrong!

You CAN copy from others!

It CAN be messy!

You can do exciting research with every day material



# Children are inquisitive and want to discover and understand the world around them.







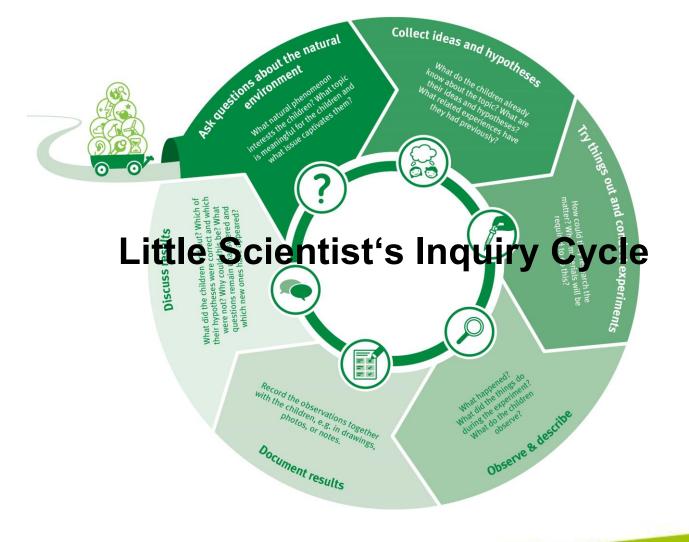








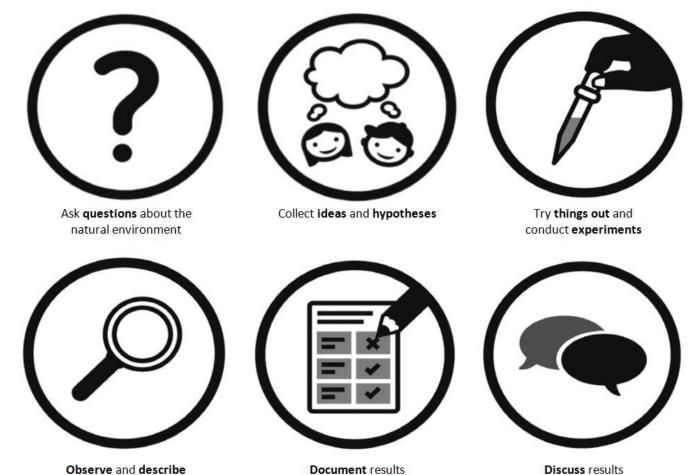






#### **Little Scientists Inquiry Cycle Icons**





**Discuss** results



#### Ask questions about the natural environment

How could you find out the childrens questions? How could you document these?

#### **Collect ideas and hypotheses**

Take into account the childrens prior knowledge How?

#### Try things and conduct experiements

What activities/ experiments could the children perform? What gateways of learning would you use? Why?

#### **Observe and Describe**

How would you encourage the children to observe? How could you document this?

#### **Document Results**

How do the children document their findings?

#### **Discuss Results**

What opportunities do you give the children to discuss or report what they have found out? Research consists not only of experiments but also reflecting and documenting







#### **Little Scientists Corners**











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