

Become a Water Safety Detective!

Water Safety Detectives

Objective: To educate children about water safety and the Water Safety Code, encouraging them to identify potential dangers in local bodies of water and promote safe practices.

Materials Needed:

- Map of the local area
- Markers or stickers
- Notebooks and pencils
- Printed copies of the Water Safety Code
- Poster-making supplies (paper, markers, etc.)

Greeting and Objective: Welcome the pupils and explain that they will become “Water Safety Detectives” today. Their mission is to learn about water safety and help keep their community safe.

Discussion: Re-iterate why water safety is important and reference the previous water safety lesson with them. Ask the pupils if they know any bodies of water near their homes or school (e.g., rivers, lakes, ponds, beaches).

Activity 1: Identifying Local Water Bodies

Map Exploration:

Provide each group with a map of the local area. Ask them to mark or place stickers on the map where they know there are bodies of water. These can be swimming pools, canals, lakes, rivers, the sea or even areas that flood.

Consider what might be more locally dangerous to you e.g. a port, river with weirs, reservoir with steep banks, highlight these to the children.

Group Discussion:

Have each group share their findings with the class. Discuss why these bodies of water might be dangerous (e.g. strong currents, deep water, slippery banks).

Activity 2: Understanding the Water Safety Code

Introduction to the Water Safety Code:

Hand out printed copies of the Water Safety Code. Read through it together, explaining each point and why it is important.

1. Stop and Think
2. Stay Together
3. Float
4. Call 999 in an emergency

Detective Work:

Ask the pupils to think about how the Water Safety Code applies to the bodies of water they identified. What specific dangers might they need to be aware of at each location?

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Activity 3: Creating Safety Posters

Poster Creation:

In groups, have the pupils create posters that promote water safety. Encourage them to include tips from the Water Safety Code and any specific advice for the local water bodies they discussed.

Hint – Use the icons from the water safety signs

Presentation:

Each group presents their poster to the class, explaining the safety tips they included and why they are important.

Conclusion (5 minutes)

Review and Reflect:

Recap the key points of the lesson. Ask the pupils what they learned about water safety and how they can help others stay safe.

Encouragement:

Encourage the pupils to share what they've learned with their families and friends. Remind them that being a Water Safety Detective means always being aware and helping others stay safe around water.