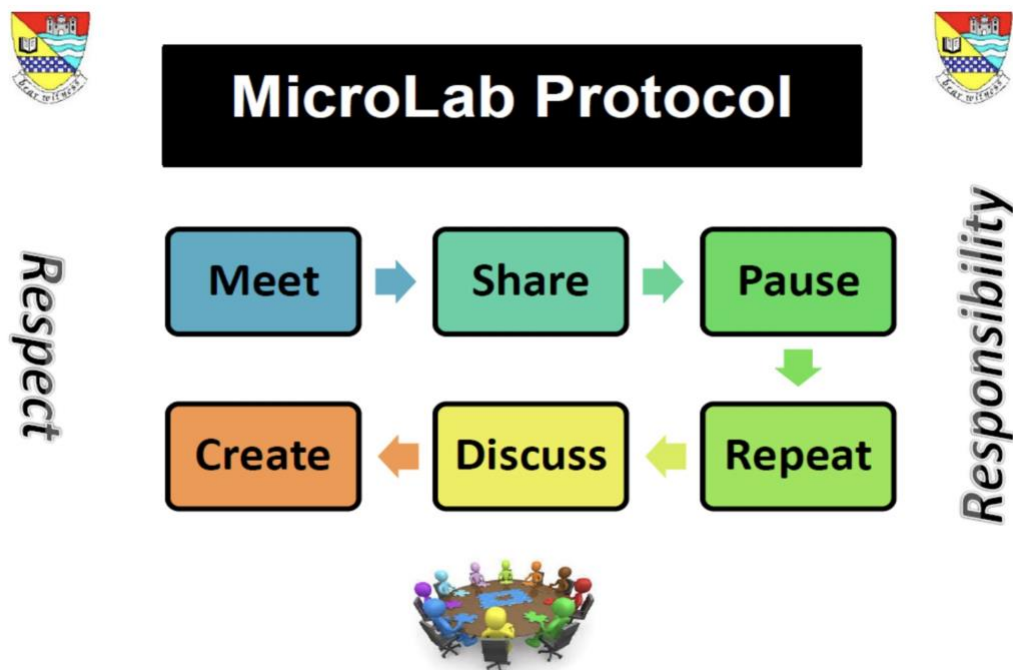


Thinking Routine – Microlab Protocol

Reflect individually on the issue or topic being examined, then working in triads:

- Share*: The first person in the group shares for a set time (usually 1-2 minutes). The other members listen attentively without comment or interruption.
- Pause* for 20-30 seconds of silence to take in what was said.
- Repeat* for persons two and three, pausing for a moment of silence after each round.
- Discuss* as a group (5-10 minutes) referencing the comments that have been made and making connections between the responses of the group.



- Choose your groups carefully
- Have a timer on the board so pupils know how long is left of each segment of Microlab Protocol
- Great way for EVERYONE'S thoughts to be heard – start with generic topics like 'Summer holiday plans' to remove the subject knowledge challenge
- A good way to get to know your pupils
- Insist that no-one is interrupted – encourages better listening
- If pupils find the PAUSE challenging, encourage them to take a note of what they want to say in response to a particular person when it is discussion time
- Can be used to reflect and share, explore and process, problem solve or even self reflection
- Works well with staff as well as pupils!