

# Helping others – I CAN Chatterbox Challenge



The activities in this Programme link to the Squirrel Smile Awards. Why not raise money for the I CAN charity and support children who struggle with speech and language by taking part in their annual 'Chatterbox Challenge'! Each year there is a different theme focusing on nursery rhymes, stories or action songs! Ask the Squirrels to come dressed in nursery rhyme or fairy story themed costumes and bring a £1 or £2 coin to support this very worthwhile charity. More information can be found at [www.ican.org.uk](http://www.ican.org.uk) – register to take part and receive some super resources!

An introductory activity can be used as the Squirrels arrive at the meeting place – colouring or simple puzzles can keep children occupied until all the Drey arrives or use a 'joining-in' style game, such as 'The farmer wants a wife' or 'Duck, duck, goose' or a circle format ball game. Add snack time where necessary!

TIME (mins)	ACTIVITY	EQUIPMENT
5	Welcome, Register, Opening Ceremony, Introduction to Programme	
10	<p><b>ACTIVITY:</b> Alice in Wonderland Story Trail</p> <p>Tell the story of Alice in Wonderland by using pictures from the story located around the meeting place. Ask the Squirrels how Alice felt when she first saw the White Rabbit, as she was falling down the rabbit hole and when she met the Cheshire Cat, the Mad Hatter, Mad March Hare and the Dormouse!</p> <p>Colouring pictures from the story can be found at <a href="http://www.freekidscolorpages.com">www.freekidscolorpages.com</a></p>	<p>Alice in Wonderland pictures</p> <p>Blutack</p>
10	<p><b>GAME:</b> Down the Rabbit Burrow</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>If you can acquire several play tunnels, divide the Drey into teams. Space the tunnels in the centre of the meeting place</i></li> <li>○ <i>If you don't have tunnels why not drape fabric over several chairs to make tunnels – ensure an adult supervises the tunnel area</i></li> <li>○ <i>Teams should stand at one end of the meeting place</i></li> <li>○ <i>The Squirrels take turns to run to the tunnel , crawl through it, run to the other end of the meeting place and return to their team</i></li> </ul>	Play tunnels
10	<p><b>ACTIVITY:</b> Mad Chatter's Tea Party</p> <p>Hold a tea party with tiny sandwiches, cup-cakes and lots of nibbles! This is a great opportunity to encourage the Squirrels to ask politely for the tea party treats – always remembering please and thank you!</p> <p><i>NB Take care with any allergies</i></p> <p>Why not serve water or juice from a plastic tea pot into plastic tea cups and saucers!</p>	<p>Wipes &amp; kitchen roll</p> <p>Picnic rug</p> <p>Tea party refreshments</p> <p>Plastic tea set</p> <p>Napkins</p>
10	<p><b>ACTIVITY:</b> Tea Party Rhymes and Songs</p> <p>Have fun learning some songs and rhymes about tea and cakes! There is a selection included with this programme!</p>	Words of rhymes and songs



10	<p><b>ACTIVITY: Find the White Rabbit</b>          Play this game as a fast moving relay game, quieter small group activity or a 'treasure hunt' by hiding pieces around the meeting place!          Use the White Rabbit template or google your own image – cut the picture into pieces – the Squirrels have to try and 'find the White Rabbit'! To distinguish each team's pieces the image could be printed on to different coloured paper or the White Rabbit could be wearing different coloured clothes!</p>	White Rabbit jigsaw pieces – 1 set per team
5	Closing, Home	

## TEA PARTY RHYMES AND SONGS

I'm a little tea pot  
 Short and stout  
 Here's my handle and here's my spout  
 When the kettle's boiling, hear me shout  
 'Lift me up and pour me out!'



Polly put the kettle on, Polly put the kettle on, Polly put the kettle on, we'll all drink tea!  
 Suki take it off again, Suki take it off again, Suki take it off again, they've all gone away!

FIVE currant buns in a baker's shop, round and fat with a cherry on top!  
 Along came (*Squirrel's name*), with a penny one day bought a currant bun and took it away.

The Queen of Hearts, she made some tarts all on a summer's day.  
 The Knave of Hearts, he stole those tarts and took them clean away!

Pat a cake, pat a cake baker's man, bake me a cake as fast as you can  
 Pat it and prick it and mark it with 'B' and put it in the oven for baby and me!

Do you know the muffin man, the muffin man, the muffin man?  
 Do you know the muffin man, who lives down Drury Lane?  
 Yes, I know the muffin man, the muffin man, the muffin man  
 Yes, I know the muffin man, who lives down Drury lane!

I'm a little tea cup nice and round. Fill me up and drink me down.  
 Put a little honey in your tea, then just take a sip from me.

I'm a little cookie, nice and brown. Chew me up and swallow me down.  
 I'm a little crummy, that's just me, and I taste good with your cup of tea.

Let's have a, let's have a, let's have a cup of tea!  
 Sweet tea, green tea, black tea or white tea!  
 Let's have a, let's have a, let's have a cup of tea!



