

# What shall we do with a plastic bottle? – Fireflies!



The recycling activity in this Programme links to the Squirrel Smile Award – I'm Caring.

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> What shall we do with a plastic bottle?</p> <p>Did you know that in the UK about 13 billion plastic bottles of water are used each year? That's a lot of bottles plus all the plastic bottles from fizzy drinks and household products! Some of these empty plastic bottles are recycled and made into things like flower pots, fleece jackets and the fluffy filling in duvets and sleeping bags!! But lots of bottles are thrown away and end up in landfill sites or even the sea where they can kill sea creatures!! So what shall we do with a plastic bottle?</p> <p>Why not sing a song to the tune of 'What shall we do with the drunken sailor' and get some suggestions from the Squirrels!! You could use their ideas in future programmes!</p> <p><i>'What shall we do with a plastic bottle, what shall we do with a plastic bottle, what shall we do with a plastic bottle? ....Make some magical fireflies!.....Play a game of skittles!!.....Make a great bird feeder!!.</i></p>	Collection of different plastic bottles
10	<p><b>GAME:</b> Flashing Lights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>This game would be best played with the lights dimmed</i></li> <li>○ <i>Use a torch and circles of coloured tissue paper as a visual instruction for the Squirrels</i></li> <li>○ <i>As the light shines through the red tissue – they stand still</i></li> <li>○ <i>As the light shines through the orange tissue – they run on the spot</i></li> <li>○ <i>As the light shines through the green tissue they run around</i></li> <li>○ <i>Other colours with simple instructions could be added, e.g. blue tissue could be star jumps, and white tissue could be lie down on the floor and freeze!</i></li> <li>○ <i>Once the instructions have been explained a Leader changes the colours at random!</i></li> <li>○ <i>NB - Watch out for bumps if the lights are dimmed!</i></li> </ul>	Torch and circles of coloured tissue paper (red/orange/green, etc.)
10	<p><b>STORY:</b> The Very Lonely Firefly</p> <p>Read this delightful story about a lonely firefly and its search to find a friend! Written and illustrated by Eric Carle and published by Penguin Young Readers ISBN 978 0448 45850 2</p> <p>Check the local library for different editions of this story!</p>	Story book



10	<p><b>ACTIVITY: Flickering Fireflies</b>          Give each Squirrel a small clean clear plastic drink bottle (small coke or lemonade bottle) or ask them each to bring in a suitable bottle. The screw top will be the head of the firefly! Lightly fold the foam or card in half and cut out wings or draw round a wing-shaped template and let the Squirrels cut out the wings themselves. <i>NB some children may need support with this.</i> The wings can be decorated with stickers (glitter or sparkle stickers would look like shimmering firefly wings) or coloured in with crayons. Stick a length of string to the underside front of the wings and then secure the wings to the bottle with a piece of double-sided selotape. Place a Glo-stick in the bottle – shake and watch the fireflies flicker!          Perhaps view in a dark corner or turn off the lights, if appropriate!          Foam sheets and stickers are available from the craft aisle of most supermarkets or Baker Ross at <a href="http://www.bakerross.co.uk">www.bakerross.co.uk</a></p>	Per Squirrel – small clean clear plastic drink bottle with lid, coloured A4 foam sheet or lightweight card, selotape & double-sided selotape, stickers, string, Glo-stick Scissors/art materials
10	<p><b>GAME: Firefly Friends</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Scatter lots of little firefly pictures across one end of the hall</li> <li>○ Divide the Drey into teams, members lined one behind the other at the opposite end of the hall</li> <li>○ In turn the Squirrels have to pretend to fly down the hall to find a firefly friend and bring it back to their team</li> <li>○ Play until all the fireflies have been collected or set a time limit and count how many fireflies each team has 'befriended'!</li> </ul>	Firefly pictures
5	Closing, Home	

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## Firefly friends

