

Monkeying Around



The activities in this Programme are based around a monkey theme which would tie in with a visit from gymnastic/soft play company – Monkeynastix – a super way for Dreys in a Region to get together for some monkeying around and lots of fun!

An event like this would link to the Squirrel Smile Awards – I’m Friendly by meeting other Squirrels!

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	GAME: Monkeying Around <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>The Squirrels act out ‘monkey’ actions as a Leader calls them out at random!</i> ○ <i>Ideas could include, ‘swing through the trees’, ‘scratch’, ‘eat a banana’, ‘curl up and sleep’, ‘stretch’, ‘chase each other’!</i> 	None
10	STORY: Night Monkey Day Monkey Read a monkey themed story! Monkeys are full of fun and mischief but every monkey needs a good friend – just like Squirrels! The two little monkeys in Julia Donaldson’s ‘Night Monkey Day Monkey’ live very different lives – one in the dark night, the other in bright sunshine. As they discover the differences in their worlds they also discover friendship! Told in easy to read rhyming verse, delightfully illustrated by Lucy Richards and published by Egmont Press. ISBN 978 0 7497 4893 7	Story
10	ACTIVITY: Little Monkeys Have fun with the favourite rhyme about some naughty little monkeys bouncing on the bed! Some cheeky little monkeys had better watch out – Mr Crocodile’s about!	Words
10	ACTIVITY: Monkey Mouths Monkeys chatter all the time – their mouths and faces reflect an incredible range of emotions. Make some ‘monkey mouths’ using 1½ choc digestives per Squirrel. Cut the biscuits in half and spread the non-choc. side of the biscuits with pink ‘cream filling’ for the gums. Press white mini mallows, for teeth, into the ‘gums’ along the curved edge. Sandwich together, stick ½ biscuit on back to support the open mouth and eat!!	Choc. digestive biscuits Strawberry ‘Fluff’ marshmallow spread/ pink buttercream or Quark for gums White mini mallows Paper plates, wipes Knife/kitchen roll
10	ACTIVITY: Monkey Dot-Dot Mummy and baby monkey colouring, Dot-to-dot numbers and letters and ‘draw over’ writing!	Dot-to-dot sheets
5	Closing, Home	



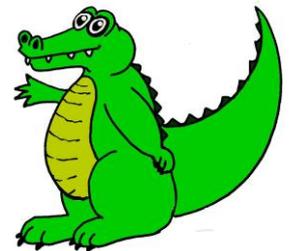
Three cheeky monkeys swinging in a tree

Three cheeky monkeys swinging in the tree, teasing Mr Crocodile,
'You can't catch me! You can't catch me!'
Along came Mr Crocodile as hungry as can be and
SNAP went Mr Crocodile! And had one for his tea!!



Two cheeky monkeys swinging in the tree, teasing Mr Crocodile,
'You can't catch me! You can't catch me!'
Along came Mr Crocodile as hungry as can be and
SNAP went Mr Crocodile! And had one for his tea!!

One cheeky monkey swinging in the tree, teasing Mr Crocodile,
'You can't catch me! You can't catch me!'
Along came Mr Crocodile as hungry as can be and ...
SNAP went Mr Crocodile! And had it for his tea!!



Five little monkeys jumping on the bed

Five little monkeys jumping on the bed
One fell off and bumped his head - oww!
Mummy called the doctor and the doctor said,
'No more monkeys jumping on the bed!'

Four little monkeys jumping on the bed
One fell off and bumped his head - oww!
Mummy called the doctor and the doctor said,
'No more monkeys jumping on the bed!'

Three little monkeys jumping on the bed
One fell off and bumped his head - oww!
Mummy called the doctor and the doctor said,
'No more monkeys jumping on the bed!'

Two little monkeys jumping on the bed
One fell off and bumped his head - oww!
Mummy called the doctor and the doctor said,
'No more monkeys jumping on the bed!'

One little monkey jumping on the bed
He fell off and bumped his head - oww!
Mummy called the doctor and the doctor said,
'No more monkeys jumping on the bed!'





Monkey Mouths



For the Monkey Mouths' gums use strawberry flavoured 'Fluff' (marshmallow spread) available in the 'jam' aisle of most supermarkets, buttercream coloured with a few drops of pink food colouring or, for a less sweet version, Quark (fat free soft cheese - available from cheese aisle of most supermarkets) coloured with pink food colouring!

Buttercream

Place 75g margarine or butter in a bowl and beat until soft, gradually sift and beat in 175g icing sugar until smooth and creamy. Add a little milk, if wished but don't make buttercream too soft or the teeth will fall out!! This amount of buttercream would normally cover the top of an 18cm cake.



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