

Fire!



This Programme link to the safety aspect of the Squirrel Smile Award – I'm Learning!

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>GAME: Hot & Cold</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Thinking about things that are hot and cold – put the word 'HOT' at one end of the hall and 'COLD' at the other</i> ○ <i>The Squirrels stand in the centre of the meeting place</i> ○ <i>Have a selection of pictures, either cut from magazines or photographs, or a list of items. Hot items (fire, cooker, match, iron, BBQ, hair straighteners, hot drink, kettle, toaster) and cold items (ice cream, ice cubes, freezer, frozen foods, snow ball)</i> ○ <i>When a Leader holds up or calls out an item, the Squirrels run to whether they think the item is hot or cold!</i> 	<p>Pictures of hot and cold items or a list of items HOT & COLD signs Blutack</p>
10	<p>ACTIVITY: Fire Safety Messages</p> <p>Talk about some of the items from the previous game – were some of the hot items dangerous? Help the Squirrels learn some simple fire safety messages</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Fire is hot – it can hurt you! ✓ Stay away from things that are hot! ✓ Matches and lighters are for grown-ups! <p>Ask the Squirrels which room has the most hot things in it – the most dangerous room! It's probably the kitchen! Look at a picture of a kitchen and point out the dangers that might be there! Help the Squirrels think about a safety rule for the kitchen</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ STOP – walk in the kitchen! (hold up your hand, palm outward for stop and then use fingers in a walking motion to reinforce the rule!) 	<p>Picture of a kitchen</p>
10	<p>CRAFT: Smoke Alarm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What could keep us safe at home and at our Squirrel meeting place? A smoke alarm! Show the Squirrels a real smoke alarm and explain what the different bits are used for – the battery, the 'sniffer', the 'tester button'. ○ Give each Squirrel a set of 'smoke alarm' pieces so that they can make their own smoke alarm ○ Stick the fire safety message on the back! ○ Remind them that a grown-up should press the 'tester button' every week! 	<p>Real smoke alarm For each Squirrel – 1 small paper plate, pretend battery picture, 1 black ring (sniffer) or draw ring on plate, 1 red sticky dot (tester) Printed safety message Glue</p>



20	<p>STORY: Fire Engine is Flashing The alarm at the fire station is ringing and the fire engine gets ready to go! But the fire crew that swing into action are all foxes! From the Busy Wheel series, written by Mandy Archer and with bright colourful illustrations by Martha Lightfoot is published by New Burlington Books. ISBN 978 1 78171 049 4</p> <p>At the back is a drawing of a fire engine with the equipment labelled and pictures of other emergency vehicles!</p> <p>Look at the story again but this time instead of reading the words encourage the Squirrels to make all the noises – the fire station alarm ringing, clunk click of buckles, whoosh down the fire pole, fire engine’s motor starting, the siren wailing, etc. Plenty of ‘audience’ participation and lots of fun!!</p>	Story book
5	Closing, Home	

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