

# THEME: A Cup of Tea

There is nothing Mums and Grans like more than a 'nice cup of tea!' This programme has some fun with 'T' themed activities and includes a delightful 'teapot' craft!

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 a circle format ball game.

Add snack time where necessary!

TIME (mins)	ACTIVITY	EQUIPMENT
5	Welcome, Register, Opening Ceremony, Introduction to Programme	
10	<b>GAME: A Cup of Tea</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>The Drey sits in a circle on the floor</i></li> <li>○ <i>Each child is given a coloured teapot card in order, for example red, green, yellow, red, green, yellow and so on</i></li> <li>○ <i>When the Leader calls the colour all those children jump up and run once round the outside of the circle clockwise</i></li> <li>○ <i>Extra actions could be added – 'pour' everyone stands up and leans forwards, 'stir' everyone stands up and turns round and 'drink' everyone pretend to drink a 'cuppa'!</i></li> </ul>	Small pictures of teapots drawn or printed on coloured card – red, green, yellow
10	<b>ACTIVITY: Tea Songs</b> Have fun learning some 'tea' themed songs from the selection! Some are available on CD from Early Learning Centre stores.	Song words or CD
10	<b>CRAFT: Lovely Teapot</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Give each child a pre-cut teapot and provide materials for them to decorate their teapot as desired – crayons, pens or coloured tissue paper scrunched up to make lovely flowers, green stalks can be added to make bouquets</li> <li>○ Allow the Squirrels to help stick down the verse and tea bag inside</li> <li>○ Ensure the children (with Leaders' help) write who the gift is for and sign their name!</li> </ul>	Per child pre-cut card teapot, printed verse & tea bag (individually packaged) Art materials, tissue paper, glue, selotape
10	<b>GAME: Tim's Game</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>Place a selection of items in a drawstring bag, everyone sits in a circle on the floor</i></li> <li>○ <i>The Squirrels can try to guess what items might be in the bag all beginning with the letter T</i></li> <li>○ <i>If they are correct take the item out and talk about it</i></li> <li>○ <i>This can lead on to a version of Kim's Game, where the selection can be spread on the floor, covered with a cloth, one item taken away and when the cloth is removed the children try to guess what is missing!</i></li> </ul>	Bag of items beginning with the letter T – train, teddy, tomato, truck, tractor, trainer, etc Cloth to cover items



10	<p>GAME: Touch the T</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>Attach a selection of pictures to the wall across one end of the meeting place, at Squirrel height</i></li> <li>○ <i>Divide the Drey into a number of small teams, lined up at the other end of the hall</i></li> <li>○ <i>When the Leader calls out a picture the first Squirrel in each team runs down and touches the picture and returns to the back of the team and so on until everyone has had a turn</i></li> <li>○ <i>The method of going up and down the hall could be varied – hop, jump, giant steps, etc.</i></li> </ul>	<p>Simple pictures of things beginning with the letter T – tree, turtle, torch, trumpet, teapot, tiger, trampoline, etc. Blutack</p>
5	Closing, Home	

## Tea Songs

### I'm a little teapot

I'm a little teapot, short and stout. Here's my handle, here's my spout.  
When I see the teacups, here me shout. Lift me up and pour me out!

### My ship sailed

My ship sailed from China with a cargo of tea, all laden with treasures for you and for me!  
They brought me a fan, just imagine my bliss,  
When I found myself going like this, like this, like this!  
*(pretend to use a fan or repeat this song as many times as you like each time adding the wave of an arm, leg and nodding head until every bit of the Squirrels is waving and nodding!)*

### Polly put the kettle on

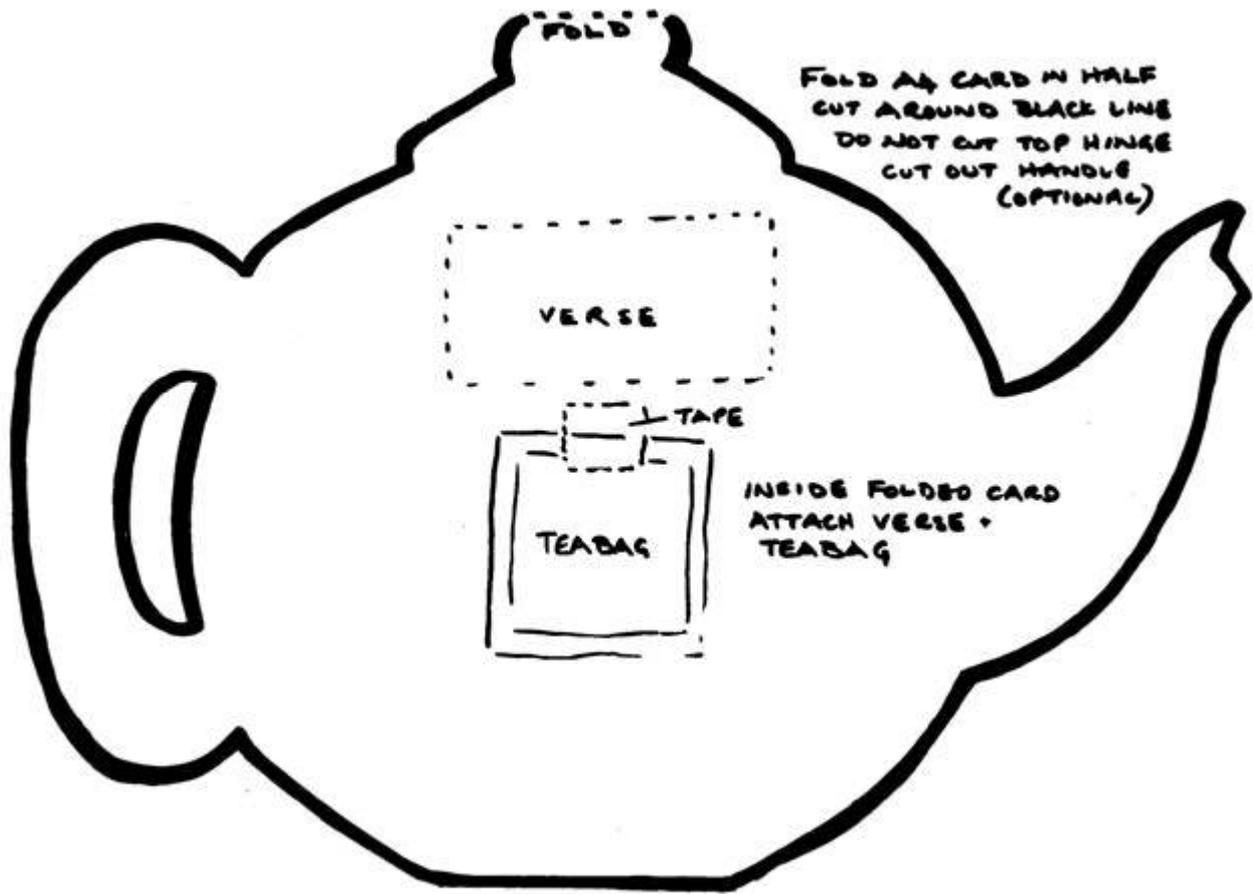
Polly put the kettle on, Polly put the kettle on, Polly put the kettle on, we'll all have tea!  
Susie take it off again, Susie take it off again, Susie take it off again, they've all gone away!

### My Aunt Jane

My Aunt Jane she called me in, she gave me tea out of her wee tin,  
A chocolate bun with icing on the top and some nice sweeties out of her wee shop!  
*(alter the words of this old traditional street song to suit your own Drey!)*



# Lovely Teapot Craft



During the week, on every day,  
I try my best in every way.  
But if you get upset with me -  
Relax, and have a cup of tea!

