

THEME: Creepy Crawlies

Most small children love creepy crawlies – give them the opportunity to take one home (pretend of course!) with the exciting ‘bug hunt’ in this Programme! There will be squeals of fun with the unusual Creepy Crawlies relay!!

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	<p>ACTIVITY: Bug Hunt This activity can be done outside or inside the meeting place. Hide small plastic bugs and give each Squirrel a bag and short stick. When the children find a bug they lift it with their stick and put it in the bag, they can then write their name on the bag to take home at the end of the evening! Have extra bugs in case some children don’t find any of their own!</p>	Small toy plastic bugs Small paper bags Short sticks Art materials
10	<p>ACTIVITY: Ladybird On The Leaf Depending on the size of the Drey this activity could be done in one group or in smaller groups with an adult supervising in each. Each group needs a large leaf shape, mark a spot on the leaf where the ladybird should be! Each group needs a ladybird (picture or drawing) and a blindfold. In turn, the Squirrels are blindfolded and try to place the ladybird where they think it should be.</p>	Large leaf shape cut from green card Picture of ladybird Blotack Blindfold
10	<p>ACTIVITY: Insects All Around Enjoy some insect themed action rhymes!</p>	Words
10	<p>GAME: Creepy Crawlies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Divide the Drey into teams, standing in lines down the hall</i> ○ <i>Give the first team member the plastic bug tied firmly on to a ball of wool – the Squirrel then wriggles the bug down their sweatshirt neck and out the other end!</i> ○ <i>The bug is then passed on to the next Squirrel who does the same and so on down the line</i> ○ <i>Leaders should ensure that everyone is happy to have the bug down their sweatshirt and that the wool does not get too tangled as it is passed along the line!</i> ○ <i>See which team can get their bug to the end of the line the fastest (and then back again?)</i> ○ <i>Scissors may need to be on hand to rescue tangled Squirrels!</i> 	Per team – ball of wool with plastic bug tied to the end



10	<p>GAME: Buzz, Buzz, Sting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>The Drey sits in a circle on the floor, choose one Squirrel to walk around the outside of the circle touching each Squirrel in turn saying 'buzz, buzz, buzz...'</i> ○ <i>When the Squirrel touches someone and says 'sting', that Squirrel jumps up and chases the other round the outside of the circle</i> ○ <i>The first child tries to get back to the empty space before being caught!</i> 	None
5	Closing, Home	

Insects All Around

tune of 'Twinkle twinkle little star'

Lady birds and butterflies, buzzing bees up in the sky *(join thumbs together and wiggle fingers to make wings, fly all around)*

Teeny tiny little ants, crawling up and down the plants *(wiggle fingers along ground and in air)*

Many insects can be found in the sky and on the ground! *(point upwards and downwards)*

Here is a beehive

Here is a beehive, where are the bees? *(cup hands together to make beehive)*

Hidden away where nobody sees.

Watch and you'll see them come out of the hive

1, 2, 3, 4, 5 Buzzzzzzzz! All fly away! *(hold up thumb, index, middle, ring and little finger in turn, then spread fingers of both hands and wave hands in the air while making a loud buzzing sound!)*

