

THEME: Time for Squirrels

This Programme is a fun way to help new and existing Squirrels settle into an exciting term in the Squirrel Drey!

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.

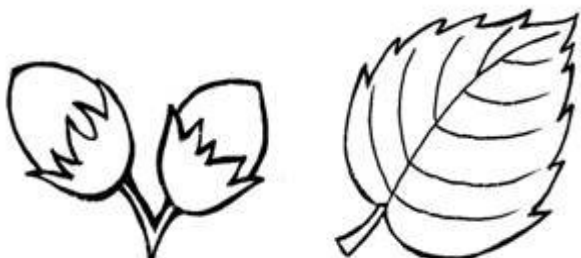
Add snack time where necessary!

TIME (mins)	ACTIVITY	EQUIPMENT
5	Welcome, Register, Opening Ceremony, Introduction to Programme	
10	<p>GAME: What’s The Time, Fluffy Squirrel?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Line the Drey across one end of the room with a Leader</i> ○ <i>Choose a Squirrel to be Fluffy Squirrel, who goes with a Leader to the other end of the room, they stand with their backs to the other Squirrels</i> ○ <i>The Leader with the Squirrels encourages them to call out ‘What’s the time, Fluffy Squirrel?’</i> ○ <i>The other Leader calls out ‘2 o’clock’ and the Squirrels take 2 steps forward, ‘5 o’clock’ and they take 5 steps and so on</i> ○ <i>When the Leader calls out ‘Chasing time’, the children all run back to the other end of the room while Fluffy Squirrel tries to catch one of them!</i> ○ <i>Anyone caught helps to catch the next time!</i> 	None
10	<p>GAME: Squirrel Relay</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Divide the Drey into small teams at one end of the room</i> ○ <i>Place a selection of pictures at the other end of the room</i> ○ <i>In turn the Squirrels run down and choose a picture and return to their team</i> ○ <i>When everyone has had a turn, allow the children to look at the pictures they have collected and chat about red and grey squirrels, what they eat and where they live!</i> 	Selection of pictures of squirrels, nuts and leaves
10	<p>CRAFT: Squirrel Clock</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Give each child a ‘squirrel clock’ to decorate as they wish ○ Help them attach the hands and show them the correct position when it is ‘time for Squirrels’! 	Photocopied squirrel clock on white card Art materials Clock hands cut from shiny or coloured card Paper fastener
10	<p>STORY: Read a story with a squirrel theme. Everybody in the wood wants to eat the shiny brown nut, especially Hickory, the grey squirrel and Pecan, the red squirrel! ‘Nutty Nut Chase’ by Kathryn White & Vanessa Cabban published by Little Tiger Press ISBN 1 84506 013 X</p>	Story book



10	ACTIVITY: On a Cold and Frosty Morning Create a new twist to 'Here we go round the Mulberry Bush' by adding some fun squirrel actions!	None
5	Closing, Home	

Squirrel Relay



On a Cold and Frosty Morning

This is the way squirrels gather their nuts,
Gather their nuts, gather their nuts!
This is the way squirrels gather their nuts,
On a cold and frosty morning!

This is the way squirrels nibble their nuts,
Nibble their nuts, nibble their nuts!
This is the way squirrels nibble their nuts,
On a cold and frosty morning!

This is the way squirrels climb up a tree,
Climb up a tree, climb up a tree!
This is the way squirrels climb up a tree,
On a cold and frosty morning!

This is the way squirrels wash their face,
Wash their face, wash their face!
This is the way squirrels wash their face,
On a cold and frosty morning!

This is the way squirrels fluff up their tail,
Fluff up their tail, fluff up their tail!
This is the way squirrels fluff up their tail,
On a cold and frosty morning!



Squirrel Clock

