

## THEME: Valentine Hearts

The Squirrels will enjoy making this simple Valentine gift and giving it to someone they love!

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: Broken Hearts</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>Cut lots of heart shapes from a colourful selection of cards, wrapping paper, etc. and cut each heart into two sections down the centre</i></li> <li>○ <i>Divide the Drey into teams at one end of the hall and give each child half a ‘heart’</i></li> <li>○ <i>Scatter the remaining half hearts across the other end</i></li> <li>○ <i>The Squirrels run in turn to find the matching piece of their heart, this game will help improve their recognition skills</i></li> </ul>	Heart shapes cut from birthday cards, wrapping paper, coloured paper
10	<b>CRAFT: Valentine Heart Basket</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Cut out 2 heart shapes from coloured card for each Squirrel</li> <li>○ Invite the Squirrels to decorate as they wish</li> <li>○ Leaders create a ‘basket’ by stapling the hearts together half way up sides and attaching a card strip for a handle</li> <li>○ Allow the Squirrels to select a few wrapped sweets for their ‘valentine’</li> </ul>	Coloured paper-red, pink Stapler & staples Art materials, sticky shapes, glitter & glue Wrapped sweets
10	<b>ACTIVITY: Heart Beat</b> Get the Squirrels’ hearts beating with simple keep fit movements!	Dance music (optional)
10	<b>CRAFT: Valentine Cards</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Give each child a folded card and allow them to decorate the front with collage materials – pink and red paper, fabric, ribbon, feathers, jewels and glitter</li> <li>○ Help them stick the verse inside, they can add ‘<i>from: guess who</i>’ but ensure that their name is written on the back!</li> </ul>	A4 white card folded to A5 size Pink and red collage materials & glue Verse
10	<b>GAME: Beating Hearts</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>Divide the Drey into small groups, each with a card and a large paper heart (fold or curve edges to flap more easily)</i></li> <li>○ <i>In turn the Squirrels must try to flap the heart to the end of the hall and back again</i></li> <li>○ <i>On their return they pass the heart and card to the next child who does the same and so on!</i></li> </ul>	Large paper hearts per team (use lightweight paper as it floats easier) A4 cardboard (piece of cereal box)
5	Closing, Home	



## Valentine Verse

Roses are red, violets are blue  
This card is nice and so are YOU!

