

# Sharing a Space



Sometimes Squirrels find it hard to share, the activities in this Programme will make them think about this and link to the Squirrel Smile Awards – I'm Active by having some outdoor fun!

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: Rock Pool</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>Outline a large circle shape on the floor with chalk. This is the 'rock pool and is a safe place for sea creatures!</i></li> <li>○ <i>The area surrounding the 'rock pool' is the ocean where there are sharks!</i></li> <li>○ <i>When the music begins the Squirrels pretend to be sea creatures and 'swim' in the ocean</i></li> <li>○ <i>When the music stops the sharks are coming and all the Squirrels must get into the 'rock pool' for safety!</i></li> <li>○ <i>With each round rub out a bit of the circle shape and alter the 'rock pool' so it gets smaller and smaller</i></li> <li>○ <i>The Squirrels must share the space and work together to make sure everyone has a safe place to get away from the sharks!</i></li> </ul>	Chalk CD & lively music (or perhaps the theme music from the film Jaws!)
10	<p>STORY: Sharing a Shell</p> <p>Read 'Sharing a Shell' by Julia Donaldson and Lydia Monks, published by Macmillan ISBN 1 405 02048 2. This story tells how different types of sea creatures learn to live together in harmony!</p>	Story
10	<p>ACTIVITY: Rock Pool World</p> <p>The Squirrels choose from the collection of items something they can make into a rock pool creature. Stick on eyes and give it a name.</p> <p>Go outside and decorate the paddling pool or basin 'rock pool' with green plastic strips for seaweed. Add the rock pool creatures – some may float and others sink but they all enjoy sharing the same space!</p>	Collection of small junk and natural items – which may float or sink Self- adhesive googly eyes Green plastic bags cut into strips Paddling pool or basin
10	<p>ACTIVITY: Sharing a Shell</p> <p>Pre-print pictures of the creatures from Sharing a Shell – enough for each Squirrel to have a set – crab, anemone and bristleworm!</p> <p>Mix the pictures up and give each Squirrel 3 pictures. They must try and collect a set of three creatures by sharing the pictures they have with other Squirrels!</p>	Pictures of creatures from the story – Sharing a Shell – one set per Squirrel Or perhaps the Squirrels could draw some!

10	<p><b>ACTIVITY: Sharing a Space</b>          Everyone has to share things – in the Drey, at home, in school, after school or sports clubs, etc. We share with other Squirrels, our family, friends and boys and girls we don't know very well!          We also share the area where we live with lots of different people in our community. Talk about where we might share places – buses, shops, Church, libraries and what we might share in the different places. Perhaps the most important thing to share is a SMILE!</p> <p>Pre-prepare a large drawn map – this could be of the local area or perhaps Northern Ireland. Cut out lots of different types of faces from magazines and travel brochures (male, female, old, young, different races). The Squirrels can stick these on to the map and talk about the different types of people who live in their community and share the same space together!</p> <p>Display the finished map in your meeting place or perhaps in your Church with a message that God loves everyone!</p>	Big sheet of paper with map drawn on it Faces cut from magazine or brochures Glue
5	Closing, Home	

## Rock Pool World



## Sharing a Shell Activity Pictures

