

Helping others – Bake a Difference



The activities in this Programme link to the Squirrel Smile Awards – I’m Caring by being involved in supporting a charity. Many charities, like Concern Worldwide or BBC Children in Need, use the ‘Bake a Difference’ initiative to make a difference in people’s lives and the Squirrels can help make a difference too!

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: Cup Cakes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>In this relay game the Squirrels collect up pieces to make yummy cupcakes!!</i> ○ <i>Divide the Drey into teams, lined up (each team member behind the other) at one end of the hall</i> ○ <i>Across the other end of the hall spread out separate areas of cupcake cases, cupcakes (cut out circles from different coloured card to represent vanilla or chocolate sponge), icing (card circles to represent different flavours of icing – white, lemon, pink, chocolate, etc.) and finally a variety of cut-out shapes for cherries, sprinkles, chocolate buttons, etc.</i> ○ <i>The Squirrels run in turn to select which part of the ‘cupcake’ they need for their team to try to complete as many cupcakes as they can in a limited time or until all the pieces have been used!</i> 	<p>Paper cupcake cases Coloured cardboard circles (cupcakes) Smaller coloured circles (icing)/(toppings)</p>
10	<p>ACTIVITY: In the Baker’s Shop Have fun with this version of the traditional ‘Five currant buns in a baker’s shop’ rhyme! Divide the Drey into small groups so that everyone has a chance to go into the baker’s shop! Change the words to suit the number of Squirrels in each group!!</p>	<p>Words Pretend cupcakes & paper plate, if wished</p>
10	<p>ACTIVITY: Yummy Treats Cover some pre-baked or shop bought cupcakes with glaze icing or chocolate topping and decorate with sprinkles, jelly sweets, mini marshmallows, etc.!</p> <p>These delicious treats can be sold to family and friends at the end of the evening to raise money for Concern Worldwide.</p> <p>Pound shops stock attractive cardboard 3-tiered cake stands which would make a lovely display for the cupcakes and packs of decorated cellophane gift bags with ribbon ties so customers could take their cupcakes home safely!!</p>	<p>Pre-baked buns or shop bought buns Glaze icing/food colouring/chocolate topping Sprinkles, jelly sweets/mini mallows Wipes</p>



10	<p>GAME: Keeper of the Cupcake</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Play in a similar way to Keeper of the Keys</i> ○ <i>Choose a 'keeper' who sits on the floor, blindfolded with a cardboard cupcake in front of them</i> ○ <i>This game can be played in a circle format with the 'keeper' in the centre and the Drey seated around them or with the 'keeper' at one end of the room and the rest of the Drey seated at the other</i> ○ <i>A 'creeper' is chosen to creep quietly up to the 'keeper' and take the cupcake!</i> ○ <i>If the cupcake is taken then the 'creeper' changes places with the 'keeper'</i> ○ <i>If the 'keeper' hears the 'creeper' creeping they point in that direction – if correct then the 'creeper' freezes and stays where they are and someone else is chosen to creep. The 'keeper' could have 3 chances at guessing – this can either be by pointing or throwing a bean bag</i> ○ <i>Play until everyone has had a turn. If the drey is large divide into smaller groupings, each with a blindfold and cupcake!</i> 	<p>Blindfold Cardboard cupcake</p> <p>3 bean bags</p>
10	<p>ACTIVITY: Bake a Difference Cupcake Bonanza</p> <p>Sell the delicious cupcakes to family and friends at the end of the meeting and raise lots of money for your chosen charity and make a difference to lives in the local community or around the world!</p> <p>Each year, over 6.5 million children under the age of five die from hunger related illnesses. In the developing world, a child will die every 12 seconds resulting from malnourishment. Concern Worldwide is working to change that.</p> <p>Check out www.concern.net for information about this charity</p>	<p>Cupcakes! Cardboard cake stand Gift bags, if wished Container for donations Money float, if needed</p>
5	Closing, Home	

In the Baker's Shop

Five cupcakes in a baker's shop,
really yummy with some sprinkles on the top!
In came (*insert name*) with some money one day,
bought a cupcake and took it right away!

