

What shall we do with a plastic bottle? – Feed Birds



Recycling and making something for wildlife links to the Squirrel Smile Award – I'm Caring!

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!

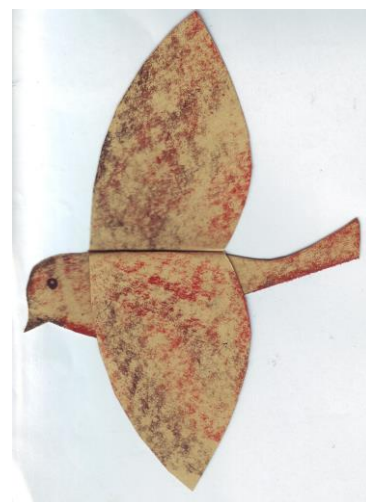
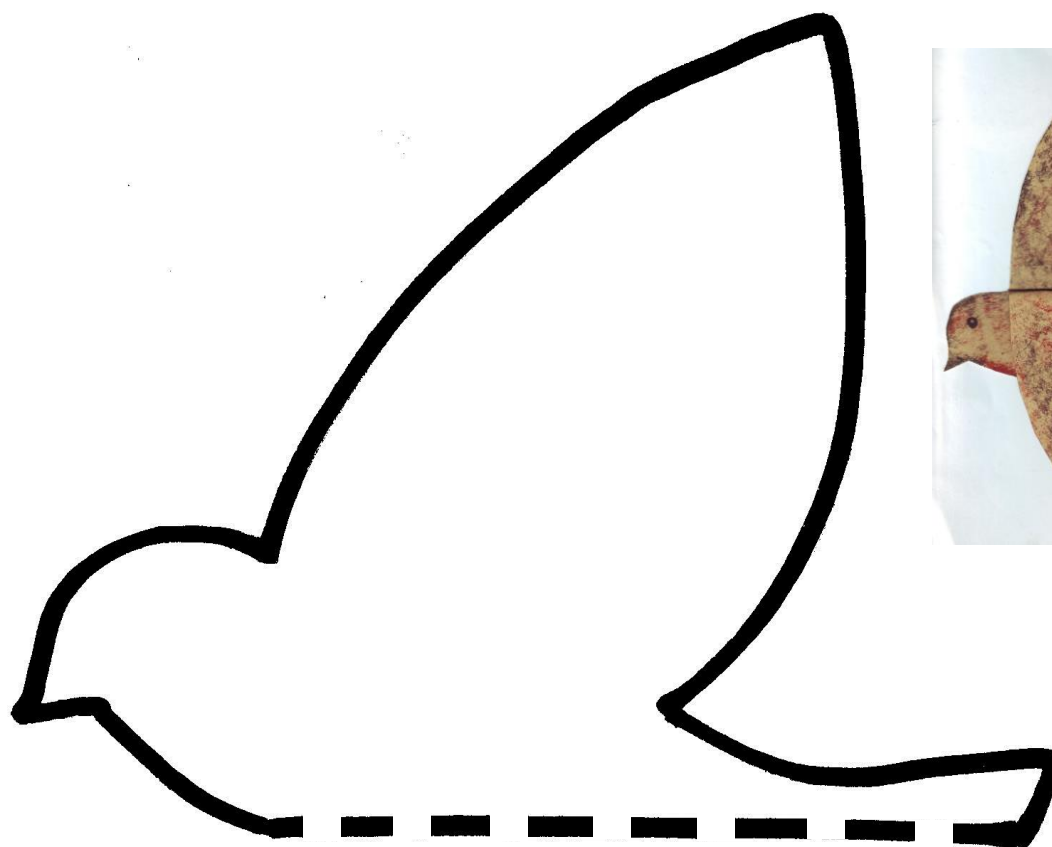
TIME (mins)	ACTIVITY	EQUIPMENT
5	Welcome, Register, Opening Ceremony, Introduction to Programme	
10	<p>ACTIVITY: What shall we do with a plastic bottle?</p> <p>Did you know that in the UK about 13 billion plastic bottles of water are used each year? That's a lot of bottles plus all the plastic bottles from fizzy drinks and household products! Some of these empty plastic bottles are recycled and made into things like flower pots, fleece jackets and the fluffy filling in duvets and sleeping bags!! But lots of bottles are thrown away and end up in landfill sites or even the sea where they can kill sea creatures!! So what shall we do with a plastic bottle?</p> <p>Why not sing a song to the tune of 'What shall we do with the drunken sailor' and get some suggestions from the Squirrels!! You could use their ideas in future programmes or use the suggestions below for games and activities with your Drey!</p> <p><i>'What shall we do with a plastic bottle, what shall we do with a plastic bottle, what shall we do with a plastic bottle? Make a great bird feeder!!...Play a game of skittles!!...Make something exciting!!</i></p>	Collection of different plastic bottles
10	<p>GAME: Hungry Birds</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>At this time of year many garden birds get hungry</i> ○ <i>Stick some pictures up on the walls of the sort of food birds might like to eat – bread, nuts, berries, cake, cheese, etc.</i> ○ <i>When a Leader calls out the food the Squirrels have to pretend they are birds and 'fly' to the food!</i> 	Pictures of 'bird' food Blutack
10	<p>STORY: The Little Sparrow</p> <p>Read The Little Sparrow – a Japanese folk tale from Usborne Stories from Around the World. Emphasise that for the rest of her life the woman cared for and fed the birds every day!</p>	Story
10	<p>ACTIVITY: Flock of Sparrows</p> <p>Cut out a number of small 'sparrows' from brown wrapping paper or old brown envelopes. <i>NB Some Squirrels may be able to cut out their own with some adult assistance.</i> The sparrows can be coloured in realistically or perhaps 'rainbow' sparrows, as the Squirrels wish! Ensure that each sparrow is named – the Squirrels can then stand at one end of the meeting place and release their 'flock of sparrows'! Whose sparrow will fly the furthest?</p>	Pictures or photographs of sparrows Sparrow templates Brown paper Art materials

10	<p>ACTIVITY: Brilliant Bird Feeder</p> <p>An empty plastic bottle filled with bird seed makes a great bird feeder for home or your meeting place grounds! A Leader makes several holes in the bottle and slots a wooden spoon through to make a handy perch! Squirrels can then help to fill the bottle with bird seed, screw the lid on firmly and add a length of string to hang it on the branch of a tree!!</p> <p>NB Be aware of any allergies as many bird food mixtures contain peanuts and seeds!! Use crumbled stale bread and cake, dried fruit and food scraps such as small pieces of bacon rind and hard cheese!</p>	<p>For each feeder – empty plastic bottle with screw lid, an awl or sharp scissors, wooden spoons, bird food, string</p>
5	Closing, Home	



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Sparrow template



Place dotted line on fold of paper and cut around black outline.
After colouring, open wings and fold each wing down.