

What shall we do with a plastic bottle? – Fun Games



The activities in this Programme link to the Squirrel Smile Award – I'm Caring by recycling!

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!</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? ...Play a game of skittles!!...Make a great bird feeder!!...Make some exciting crafts!</i></p>	Collection of different plastic bottles
10	<p>GAME: Sitting Skittles</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>The Squirrels sit spread out in a big circle on the floor, each with an empty plastic bottle in front of them</i> ○ <i>Choose one Squirrel to roll the football across the circle, if they knock down a skittle they take it and place it in front of them (they now have 2 skittles)</i> ○ <i>If the ball misses the skittles but a Squirrel catches the ball they then roll it across the circle</i> ○ <i>If the ball goes out of the circle, then the Leader retrieves it and chooses another player to roll the ball!</i> 	An empty plastic bottle for each Squirrel Soft foam football
10	<p>GAME: Strike!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Position the plastic bottles in a ten pin bowling format at one end of the meeting place – set up several bowling lanes to keep things moving!</i> ○ <i>Divide the Drey into teams and position each team, Squirrels one behind the other, at the other end of the hall</i> ○ <i>Squirrels take turns to try and knock all the skittles in their lane down – a strike!!</i> ○ <i>The skittles could be numbered and scores kept!</i> 	Plastic bottles Ball for each bowling lane Numbers, glue Score sheet & pens, if wished
10	GAME: Tunnels	Plastic bottles, strong



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Another version of a bowling style game best played in small groups</i> ○ <i>Prepare the tunnels by cutting off the top of a variety of plastic drinks bottle – different sizes and colours add to the fun!</i> ○ <i>Stick the bottles together to make a line of tunnels</i> ○ <i>The Squirrels stand behind a marked line, a certain distance away from the tunnels and try to roll small balls into the bottles! Plastic cat balls with jingle bells inside adds to the excitement!</i> ○ <i>Numbers can be stuck on to the tunnels and score recorded, if wished.</i> 	<p>tape Small balls Numbers, glue Score sheets & pens, if wished</p>
10	<p>GAME: SOS – Save Our Skittles</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Line the skittles across one end of the hall</i> ○ <i>Divide the Drey into 2 groups – one group will try and protect the skittles from being knocked down while the other group will try and knock the skittles down!</i> ○ <i>The group protecting the skittles stands in front of the skittles</i> ○ <i>The group trying to knock the skittles down is positioned at the other end of the hall – these Squirrels can either take it in turns using one ball or have a number of balls so everyone plays together!</i> ○ <i>Swap over so that everyone gets a chance to protect and attack the skittles!</i> 	<p>Plastic bottles A soft foam football or a number of soft foam balls</p>
5	Closing, Home	

