

Bonjour France!



The activities in this Programme link to the Squirrel Smile Award – I'm Friendly by learning some things about another culture!

Use the pictures of Rusty, the French squirrel – 'rouillé l'écureuil' to help!

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	
5	<p>GAME: Salut!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 'Salut!' in French means 'Hi!' ('Bonjour' is a bit more formal!). As they play this game the Squirrels will learn how to say a greeting in French and learn a bit about each other! ○ The Drey stands in a circle (if the Drey is large, split into smaller groups) ○ When a Leader call out the instruction to 'Change places with someone ' e.g. wearing jeans, velcro trainers, etc. – those Squirrels change places. When passing each other they wave and say, 'Salut! ' followed by the Squirrel's name 	None
10	<p>ACTIVITY: 1,2,3! My Name Is.....</p> <p>The Squirrels can learn to say a few words in French by repeating a sentence round in a circle.</p> <p>The Squirrels sit on the floor in a circle, members of the Leadership team should be dotted around the circle to keep the phrase and pronunciation on track! A Leader starts off by saying, 'Un, deux, trois! Je m'appelle Red Squirrel (or appropriate Leader name)'. The Squirrel on the right of the Leader repeats the phrase inserting their own name and so on round the circle!</p>	None
10	<p>ACTIVITY: Salut! rouillé!</p> <p>Use the picture of 'rouillé l'écureuil', to help the Squirrels learn the parts of their face in French!</p> <p>Give each Squirrel a printed frame template and some art materials, as the Leader calls out the parts of their face in French they guess which part of their own face it is and draw it in the frame!</p> <p>The Squirrels can add their own name to the frame of their self-portrait!</p>	<p>Picture of 'rouillé' – the little French squirrel - l'écureuil is French for squirrel!</p> <p>Printed frame templates</p> <p>Art materials</p>
10	<p>STORY: Puss in Boots</p> <p>Read the story about Puss in Boots, a famous 'tail' from France! Usborne Stories from Around the World, retold by Heather Amery with delightful illustrations by Linda Edwards. ISBN 978 1 4095 0842 7</p>	Story book



10	<p>GAME: Boules</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Boules is a favourite French game, similar to bowls, played with heavy balls. This version is played with lightweight plastic play balls</i> ○ <i>Divide the Drey into small groups spaced around the meeting place, each with a member of the Leadership team</i> ○ <i>Mark a start line for each group with chalk, a Leader rolls a tennis ball a little way from the line</i> ○ <i>Give each Squirrel in each group a different coloured play ball and, in turn, they see who can roll it closest to the tennis ball!</i> 	<p>Plastic play balls Tennis balls Chalk</p>
5	<p>ACTIVITY: Qu'est-ce que tu aimes manger? What would you like to eat?...Taste a few French treats, such as 'un pain au chocolat', brioche or croissants! <i>NB be aware of allergies</i> Why not sing the well-known French song – Frere Jacques!</p>	<p>Pain au chocolat Mini croissants Napkins Song words</p>
5	Closing, Home	

Frere Jacques

Frère Jacques, Frère Jacques!
Dormez-vous? Dormez-vous?
Sonnez les matines! Sonnez les matines!
Din dan don! Din dan don!

This song is possibly about a monk named Jacques/John who has overslept!!

Brother John, Brother John!
Are you sleeping? Are you sleeping?
Morning bells are ringing! Morning bells are ringing!
Ding dang dong! Ding dang dong!

If you would like to listen to some fun French songs sung by a friendly bright green frog! – search YouTube for 130 French songs for children. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wIL2hI7by6Q>





mes cheveux	my hair
mes oreilles	my ears
mes yeux	my eyes
mon nez	my nose
ma bouche	my mouth
mes dents	my teeth



