

Coloured Feathers



This South American theme supports the Squirrel Smile Award - I'm Learning by helping the Squirrels find out a little about a different culture!

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	GAME: Queimada <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>This is a popular team game in South America; the aim being not to be hit by the ball!</i> ○ <i>In this Squirrel friendly version, the Squirrels run from one end of the hall to the other while a Leader tries to hit someone with the ball</i> ○ <i>If a Squirrel is hit then they go to the Leader and take a turn to roll the ball, afterwards they then return to the game!</i> ○ <i>If no-one is hit, then the Leader rolls again!</i> 	Soft football
10	STORY: How Birds got Bright Feathers South America is full of colourful birds, read this South America folk tale about how the birds got their bright coloured feathers! Stories from Around the World, published by Usborne ISBN 978 1 4095 0842 7	Story
20	ACTIVITY: Bright Coloured Birds Make some beautiful bright coloured birds to take home! Parrot mask <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A paper plate makes a great parrot mask – colour the plates then add card beak, coloured feathers and eyes ○ Attach a wooden craft lolly stick at the base to hold! Parrot puppet <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Colour the parrot puppet template ○ Decorate it with bright coloured feathers ○ Attach a wooden craft lolly stick to the base! 	Paper plates/card and parrot puppet template Art materials/feathers Googly eyes Glue/sticky fixers Large craft lolly sticks Wipes
10	ACTIVITY: Conga Line! This dance came from the carnival Conga dance from Cuba and gets everyone moving! A Leader can start the Conga Line by moving around the room – first stepping in front with the left foot, then right, then left again, then tap or kick to the side with the right foot! Squirrels begin to join in making a long line! Keep close together with hands on the shoulders of the Squirrel in front! The line weaves its way around the room like a snake – just like the one in the story! Perhaps the Leaders could clap out a rhythmic beat!	None
5	Closing, Home	



Parrot Puppet Template



Parrot Mask & Parrot Puppet

