

# Look at You!



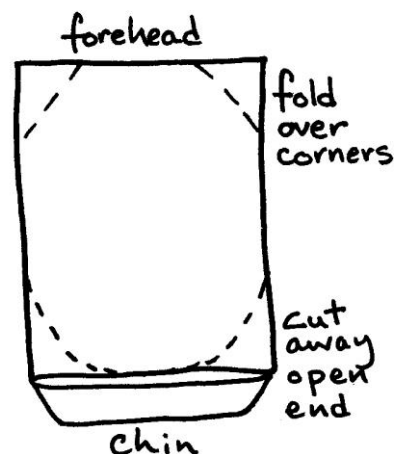
The activities in this Programme link to the Squirrel Smile Awards – I'm Learning by helping the Squirrels to get along with everyone no matter how different they are! Respecting others and valuing the diversity of our communities promotes good citizenship.

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><b>GAME: Get to Know You</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>The Drey stands in a circle, when a Leader calls out an item the Squirrels who have that item change places!</i></li> <li>○ <i>Things could be: visual items, such as – wears glasses, trainers with laces, has plaits, a red acorn badge, blue eyes</i></li> <li>○ <i>Non visual things might be, has a sister, has a dog, likes baked beans, birthday this month, plays Minecraft, etc.</i></li> </ul>	None
10	<p><b>ACTIVITY: Mirror, Mirror</b></p> <p>Divide the Drey into pairs – if there is an uneven number, make one pair a trio! Space the pairs out around the room so no-one bumps each other. Staying where they are, one Squirrel in the pair does an action which the other Squirrel has to try and copy and then vice versa. Swap several times so that all Squirrels get several turns choosing the action!</p>	None
20	<p><b>ACTIVITY: Look at You!</b></p> <p>This activity encourages the Squirrels to look at each other closely and then draw each other! The envelope makes a hand puppet or stuff with newspaper for a 3D head!!</p> <p>Divide the children into pairs and provide them each with an envelope and art materials (an exciting addition would be to create collages from coloured and textured papers, fabrics and wools). Ask each child to look at their partner's face – be sensitive to individual children and encourage positive comments! Talk about colours of skin tone; compare shades, styles and lengths of hair and shapes and colours of eyes. What is the same about their face and that of their partner? What is different? Emphasise that the fact that we are all slightly different makes us all special!</p> <p>The portraits could be displayed and perhaps parents/carers could try and guess who is who! They could form a permanent display in the meeting place celebrating the wonderful diversity of the Drey!</p> <p>Baker Ross has a selection of Skin tone ready mixed paints in the multicultural section of their themed crafts. Available from <a href="http://www.bakerross.co.uk">www.bakerross.co.uk</a></p>	<p>Paper envelopes (A4 or A5 with opening at short side)</p> <p>Scissors</p> <p><i>Squirrels can cut a curve for the chin at the open end and fold in the top corners for the forehead</i></p> <p>Art materials</p> <p>Collage material/glue</p> <p>Newspaper</p> <p>Wipes</p>



10	<p>ACTIVITY: The Envelope That You're Wrapped In!</p> <p>Use the song 'What's your Colour?' by Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler from 'Room on the Broom and other songs', published by Macmillan ISBN 1 4050 5366 6 to celebrate the amazing variation in skin colours and types we all have..... <i>'What's the colour, the colour of your skin, The colour of the envelope that you're wrapped in?'</i></p> <p>After listening to and/or singing the song some of the verses could be discussed with the Squirrels.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>'Are you a map of past disasters? Grazes and scratches and sticking plasters?'</i> Squirrels usually love to share the stories behind all their bumps and bruises!</li> <li>○ Verse 3 is about what happens to skin in the sun – <i>'Brown as a berry or gold as honey? Does it go freckly or peeling and sore?'</i> – this is a good opportunity to remind the Squirrels about taking care of their skin in the sun to avoid sunburn!</li> <li>○ There is also an opportunity to discuss emotions – <i>'Do you go pink when you're all embarrassed'</i> – reassure the Squirrels that it is very natural for our faces to go pink because of how we are feeling inside! It can happen for all sorts of different reasons, sometimes when we feel a little bit nervous or uncomfortable about something. Ask what colour their face might go if they were very angry? Are there things we could do to feel less angry? What about if we were worried or frightened?</li> </ul>	<p>Song words CD player/CD from the story book</p>
5	Closing, Home	



*'My friend Zoe has got blue eyes and pink cheeks. She has nice black hair that's a little bit wiggly. She smiles a lot and I like Zoe'*

Anna - age 4½.