

THEME: Ahoy there!

This Programme has the ever popular theme of ‘pirates’, why not turn it into a fancy dress night and send an invitation home the week before inviting the Squirrels to wear a stripy T-shirt or old shirt, shorts or old trousers and their Squirrel scarf tied round their head! Hold an indoor or outdoor treasure hunt with chocolate gold coins as prizes!

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 a circle format ball game.

Add snack time where necessary!

TIME (mins)	ACTIVITY	EQUIPMENT
5	Welcome, Register, Opening Ceremony, Introduction to Programme	
10	GAME : Find the Treasure Island <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Scatter the islands randomly around the room</i> ○ <i>The Squirrels pretend to swim in the sea around the islands</i> ○ <i>When the music stops or the whistle blows, the Leader calls out ‘Help! There’s a storm coming, get to the islands’</i> ○ <i>The children then have to find an island (only one child per island)</i> ○ <i>If wished, gradually decrease the number of islands as the game continues</i> ○ <i>Vary the danger each time the music stops – sharks, crocodiles and so on...</i> 	Large circle of card, cushion or mat for each child – ‘islands’ CD & music or whistle
10	ACTIVITY: Treasure Map Give each Squirrel a treasure map to colour and ask them to mark an X on their map where they think pirates would have buried treasure. The Squirrel (or Squirrels) whose X is nearest the treasure win a prize!	A4 photocopies of map Master map with large X marked on it Small prizes
10	ACTIVITY: Treasure Hunt While the Squirrels are busy with their Treasure Map, a Leader can hide chocolate coins for the Squirrels to find! If this activity is extended outdoors, simple word or picture clues could be made and given to the Squirrels before venturing outside! For example: ‘in the grounds, beside the tree, look in the grass and you’ll find me’ – adults can help Squirrels read the clues!	Chocolate coins
10	STORY: Read an exciting story on a pirate theme: ‘Pirate William’ from the series ‘William’s Wish Wellingtons’ published by BBC Children’s Books ‘On a Pirate Ship’ by Sarah Courtauld and Benji Davies published by Usborne ISBN 978074608405-2	Story book



10	<p>GAME: Ahoy There!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Attach the pirate picture to the wall at an appropriate height for Squirrels to reach ○ The Squirrels take turns to be blindfolded and try to blutack the patch onto the pirate's face! ○ If the Drey is large, make 2 faces and divide into teams ○ Or organise half the Drey to learn a pirate song while the other half plays the game and then swap over! ○ You might like to sing 'Row, row, row your boat' or 'The day I went to sea' ○ Or choose some colouring pictures from the selection! 	<p>Large drawing of a pirate's face Eye patch cut from black card Blutack Blind fold or scarf</p>
5	Closing, Home	

Treasure Map



