

# THEME: Autumn Leaves

As the leaves turn from green to all shades of brown, orange and red this Programme highlights the beauty of the autumn landscape!

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	<p><b>GAME: Falling Leaves</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>The Drey stands around the edge of the parachute, either holding the handles or the outside edge firmly</i></li> <li>○ <i>Practise making the parachute rise and fall</i></li> <li>○ <i>Encourage the Squirrels to make it ripple gently and then a little bit more vigorously</i></li> <li>○ <i>Place a number of small soft balls onto the surface of the parachute, the Squirrels have to jiggle the ‘chute to try and make the balls bounce off!</i></li> </ul>	<p>Parachute Small soft balls</p>
10	<p><b>GAME: Autumn Leaf</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>Divide the Drey into two equal teams, each team sits on the floor in a line</i></li> <li>○ <i>Position the lines about 2 metres apart and facing each other</i></li> <li>○ <i>Number the Squirrels from opposite ends in each team</i></li> <li>○ <i>Place the cardboard leaf on the floor in the middle of the space between the two teams</i></li> <li>○ <i>A Leader calls out a number and the children from each team with that number run into the centre to pick up the leaf and return to their place</i></li> <li>○ <i>If wished scores can be kept, ensure that all children get a turn!</i></li> </ul>	Large cardboard leaf
10	<p><b>CRAFT: Autumn Leaf Wreath</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Give each child the outer rim of a paper plate and some glue</li> <li>○ They can decorate their plate using a selection of leaves and printed motifs</li> <li>○ Add a small loop of gift ribbon so the wreath can be hung up</li> </ul>	<p>Outer rim of a large paper plate per child Glue, gift ribbon Different shaped leaves cut from coloured paper Small printed motifs of acorns, flowers and leaves</p>
10	<p><b>STORY: Read an autumn story</b> ‘Ferdie and the Falling Leaves’ by Julia Rawlinson and Tiphonie Beeke published by Gullane Children’s Books ISBN 1 86233 603 2 Ferdie the tiny fox is worried about his special tree when its leaves start to fall off, is it sick and can he help it keep its falling leaves?</p>	Story book



10	ACTIVITY: Leaves Are Falling Learn some themed songs and have fun with simple actions!	Words
5	Closing, Home	

## Leaves are falling

*tune of 'Frère Jacques'*

Leaves are falling, leaves are falling  
Down and down, down and down.  
Yellow, red and orange, yellow, red and orange  
On the ground, on the ground!

## Five little leaves

*tune of 'Five little ducks'*

Five little leaves, red and brown      *(hold up five fingers)*  
Started falling down and down      *(hold hands up high and wriggle fingers downwards)*  
The wind came blowing, what a sound      *(wave arms in the air from side to side)*  
Whoosh! Whoosh!      *(make whooshing noise)*  
And one little leaf hit the ground!      *(clap hands)*

Four little leaves, red and brown      *(hold up four fingers)*  
...and so on!

