

THEME: Autumn Weather

Autumn weather can be grey, dull and rainy, bring some fun into this time of year with this exciting Programme and its novel craft!

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: Weather Corners <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Attach the weather pictures around the walls</i> ○ <i>When the Leader calls out a type of weather the Squirrels run to that picture and do the kind of action the weather suggests, such as, rain - pretend to put up an umbrella, sun – pretend to rub in sun screen, etc.</i> 	Pictures of weather – rain, wind, thunder & lightning, sun Blotack
10	STORY: Read an autumn weather themed story! ‘Franklin and the Thunderstorm’ by Paulette Bourgeois and Brenda Clark published by Scholastic ISBN 0590026356 One of the series of delightful stories about Franklin the little turtle and all his many adventures!	Story book
10	CRAFT: Rainy Day Umbrellas This novel craft is adapted from an idea at www.about.com <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Squirrels stick on some cotton wool at the top of the card to represent the autumn rain clouds ○ Give each Squirrel two bun cases (white or patterned), these are folded in half – making an open umbrella shape ○ Stick on the bendy straws underneath the bun cases and curve the bendy section for the umbrella handles ○ Decorate the picture with falling raindrops – 100 & 1000s or glitter! 	A4 card – grey or blue Cotton wool, glue Bun cases Bendy drinking straws 100 & 1000s or glitter
10	ACTIVITY: I Hear Thunder Sing some rainy day nursery rhymes!	Song words
10	ACTIVITY: Rainy Day Dot-To-Dot Follow the dots to create this rainy day picture!	Printed sheets Art materials
5	Closing, Home	



I hear thunder

I hear thunder, I hear thunder. Hark don't you? Hark, don't you?
Pitter patter raindrops, pitter patter raindrops. I'm wet through, so are you!

I see blue skies, I see blue skies. Way up high, way up high!
Hurry up the sunshine, hurry up the sunshine. We'll soon dry, we'll soon dry!

Doctor Foster

Doctor Foster went to Gloucester in a shower of rain.
He stepped in a puddle - right up to his middle and never went there again!

Rainy Day Dot-To-Dot

