

THEME: Bunny Trail

The Easter Bunny is always a favourite character around Easter time as a visit from this elusive creature brings surprises and treats!

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>GAME: Bunny Hop!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>The Squirrels are going to pretend to be baby bunnies, the blanket is their hutch</i> ○ <i>They all start off in the ‘hutch’, see if they can find a space on the blanket without touching anyone else</i> ○ <i>On a Leader’s instruction they can start to explore – come out of the hutch, hop about, nibble grass, wash their ears</i> ○ <i>When a Leader calls out ‘bedtime for bunnies’ they must all get back on the blanket and curl up in a free space!</i> 	Large blanket
10	<p>ACTIVITY: Little Peter Rabbit</p> <p>Some children will be familiar with this nursery rhyme based on the Beatrix Potter character, Peter Rabbit. Everyone will have fun joining in the actions!</p>	Words
10	<p>ACTIVITY: Bunny Trail</p> <p>Play this Easter bunny trail outside or inside your meeting place. Print off a selection of bunny pictures. For some cute rabbits visit www.activityvillage.co.uk/bunny_matching.pdf. These pictures can be enlarged and stuck on to card or laminated. Punch a hole at the top of each picture and attach a string to hang outdoors or put up indoors. The Squirrels could have a tick sheet to fill in, when they find the corresponding bunny picture. Or print lots of small bunny pictures and scatter them for the Squirrels to find and collect. Small prizes of mini chocolate bunnies or bunny shaped lollies could be awarded!</p>	Printed bunny pictures String/blutack Tick sheet/crayons Small prizes
10	<p>GAME: Bunny Burrows</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Set up a mini obstacle course with some bunny burrows, either bought play tunnels, tunnels made from chairs and blankets or large cardboard boxes. Add a zig-zag path of cones and hula hoops, etc.</i> ○ <i>The Squirrels can run in turn round the ‘bunny burrows’!</i> 	Tunnels Cones, hula hoops, etc.



10	<p>GAME: Bunny Lotto</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Prepare bunny lotto sheets with six pictures per sheet, the bunny motifs from above could be used and varied slightly for each group of Squirrels</i> ○ <i>The sheets could be laminated or stuck onto card</i> ○ <i>Prepare a master set of all the pictures for the Leader to use</i> ○ <i>Divide the Drey into small groups, each with a lotto sheet and six squares of coloured card to cover the pictures</i> ○ <i>A Leader picks a master card, holds it up and if the Squirrels have that picture they cover it on their lotto sheet, encourage turn taking!</i> 	<p>Bunny lotto sheets Set of master cards Coloured squares of card</p>
5	Closing, Home	

Little Peter Rabbit

tune of 'John Brown's Body'

Little Peter Rabbit has a fly upon his nose *(fingers on head for bunny ears & touch nose)*
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 Little Peter Rabbit has a fly upon his nose *(fingers on head for bunny ears & touch nose)*
 And he swished it and he swashed it and the fly flew away! *(flap hands across nose & then join thumbs, wriggle fingers and fly hands all around in the air)*

Powder puff and curly whiskers *(pat 'tail' & use index fingers to make circles from face)*
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