

THEME: Crocodiles

The theme of this Programme is the wonderful creature – the crocodile! Have fun with these games, songs and fun craft and let the Squirrels learn something about this amazing reptile!

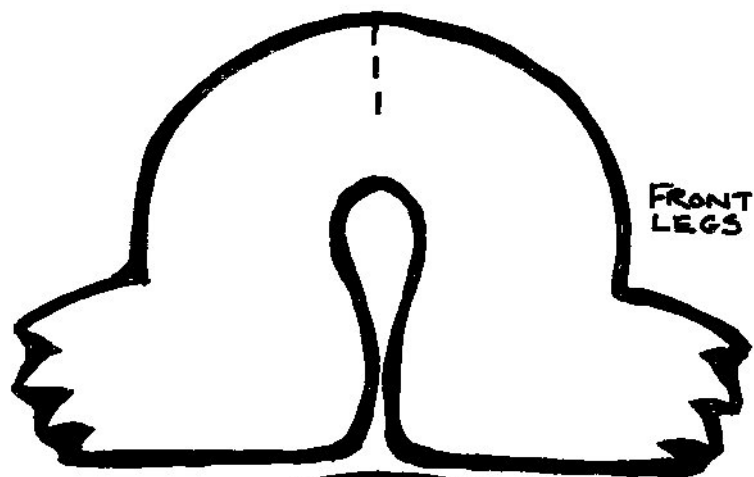
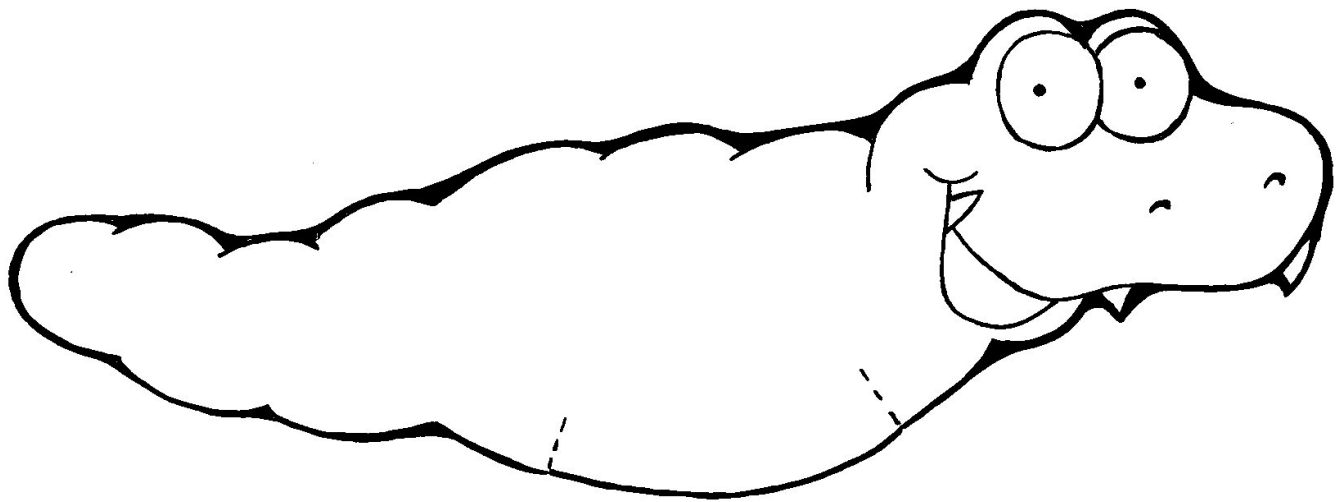
An introductory activity can be used as the Squirrels arrive at the meeting place – colouring or simple puzzles can keep children occupied until all the Drey arrives or use a ‘joining-in’ style game, such as ‘The farmer wants a wife’ or a circle format ball game.

Add snack time where necessary!

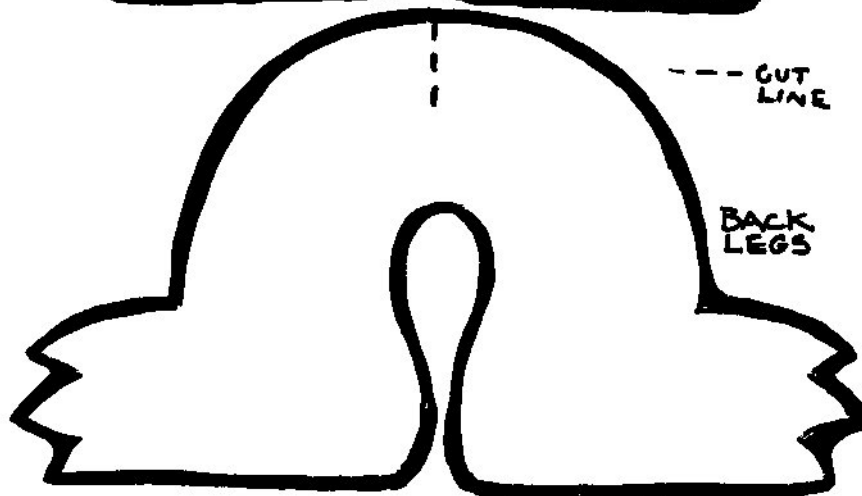
TIME (mins)	ACTIVITY	EQUIPMENT
5	Welcome, Register, Opening Ceremony, Introduction to Programme	
10	GAME: Crocodile Snap <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Mark out a river (approx 2 metres wide) with strips of masking tape or chalk midway across the hall</i> ○ <i>On ‘Go!’ the Squirrels run all around the room</i> ○ <i>On ‘Stop!’ anyone in the ‘river’ is eaten by the crocodiles and must sit out at the edge of the room for one ‘go’ and then join in again!</i> 	Making tape or chalk
10	STORY: read a crocodile themed story, many are available from local libraries. Why not choose: ‘Have you seen the crocodile?’ By Colin West, published by Walker Books ISBN 0-7445-1065-1 ‘The Richest Crocodile in the World’ by Daniel Postgate published by Harper Collins ISBN 978 0 00 780974 5	Story book
10	CRAFT: Mr. Crocodile <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Give each child a crocodile body and two sets of legs ○ Invite them to colour their Mr. Crocodile as they wish but provide them with some realistic pictures of crocodiles ○ Position the legs onto the body 	Print out template on card and cut out pieces Art materials Crocodile pictures
10	ACTIVITY: Never Smile at a Crocodile Have some fun learning this favourite Disney crocodile song!	Song words or CD
10	GAME: The Crocodile River <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Line the Squirrels across one end of the meeting place</i> ○ <i>A Leader stands at the other end of the hall, the space between is ‘The Crocodile River’</i> ○ <i>The Leader calls, ‘You can’t cross The Crocodile River unless....’ and then adds ‘you’re wearing red’, ‘you have a dog’, ‘you like broccoli’ and so on....</i> ○ <i>If a Squirrel can cross they run to the Leader, when everyone is across the Leader moves to the other end of the hall and starts again!</i> 	None
5	Closing, Home	



Mr. Crocodile craft



FRONT
LEGS



--- CUT
LINE

BACK
LEGS



Never Smile at a Crocodile

Never smile at a crocodile,
No, you can't get friendly with a crocodile.
Don't be taken in by his welcome grin
He's imagining how well you'd fit within his skin!
Never smile at a crocodile
Never dip your hat and stop to talk a while
Never run, walk away, say good-night, not good-day.
Clear the aisle but never smile at Mr. Crocodile!
You may very well be well bred, lots of etiquette in you head
But there's always some special case, time or place to forget etiquette
For instance:
Never smile at a crocodile
No, you can't get friendly with a crocodile.
Don't be taken in by his welcome grin
He's imagining how well you'd fit within his skin!
Never smile at a crocodile
Never dip your hat and stop to talk a while
Don't be rude, never mock, throw a kiss, not a rock.
Clear the aisle but never smile at Mr. Crocodile!

