

THEME: Ducklings

'Easter eggs, Easter chicks, Easter holiday, Easter fun – thank you God for every one!' Easter wouldn't be the same without fluffy yellow chicks and soft downy ducklings, celebrate this symbol of new life with the cute craft in this fun Programme!

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: Duck, Duck, Goose <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>The Drey sits in a circle on the floor, choose one Squirrel to walk around the outside of the circle touching each Squirrel in turn saying 'duck, duck, duck...'</i> ○ <i>When the Squirrel touches someone and says 'goose', that Squirrel jumps up and chases the other round the outside of the circle</i> ○ <i>The first child tries to get back to the empty space before being caught!</i> 	None
10	ACTIVITY: Five Little Ducks Have fun with this well know hand rhyme!	Words
10	CRAFT: Paper Plate Duckling <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Help the Squirrels to trace round their outstretched hands on yellow paper and cut out ○ Give each child a paper plate which they can decorate as they wish, fold the paper plate in half ○ Attach the hand cut outs as tail feathers at one end of fold ○ Attach the pre-cut heads and beaks to the other end of fold – circles cut from yellow paper, beak shape from orange. Older Squirrels may be able to cut these shapes themselves. ○ Add eyes, drawn or googly eyes! ○ The Squirrels might like to give their duckling a name! 	Paper Plate per child Art materials Yellow paper Scissors Glue & stapler Pre-cut heads & beaks Googly eyes (optional)
10	GAME: Funny Feathers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Divide the Drey into teams, lined up at one end of the hall with a coloured duck shape (A4) & glue stick for each team</i> ○ <i>Scatter a bag of coloured feathers across the other end of the hall, small packs of feathers are available from craft shops or Tesco supermarkets!</i> ○ <i>In turn the Squirrels run to collect a feather to stick onto their team's duck shape</i> ○ <i>The completed ducks can be displayed in the meeting place for everyone to enjoy!</i> 	Coloured feathers Large card duck shapes Glue stick Blotack



10	<p>GAME: Fox And Duck</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>The Squirrels are the 'ducks' and stand in a circle format</i> ○ <i>One Squirrel is chosen to be the 'fox', who stands blindfolded in the centre of the circle</i> ○ <i>Under the guidance of a Leader the fox tries to catch a duck</i> ○ <i>If a duck is caught they must 'quack' loudly so the fox can try to guess who has been caught!</i> ○ <i>The duck then becomes the fox</i> ○ <i>Ensure everyone has the opportunity to be both fox and duck!</i> 	Blindfold
5	Closing, Home	

Five Little Ducks

The Squirrels can try to use their right hand for the duckling actions and their left hand to be Mother Duck's beak! They will have lots of fun making 'quacking' sounds!

Five little ducks went out one day, *(hold up five fingers)*
Over the hills and far away *(wave hand as though going over bumpy hills)*
Mother duck said, 'Quack, quack, quack, quack!' *(open & close hand like a beak, say 'quack' x 4)*
But only four little ducks came back. *(hold up four fingers & wriggle back)*

Four little ducks went out one day,and so on *(hold up four fingers, do actions as above)*

One little duck went out one day, *(hold up one finger)*
Over the hills and far away *(wave hand as though going over bumpy hills)*
Mother duck said, 'Quack, quack, quack, quack!' *(open & close hand like a beak, say 'quack' x 4)*
But no little ducks came back. *(shake head, and hold hands out palms upwards)*
Then Mother duck said, 'Quack, quack, quack, quack!' *(open & close hand like a beak, shout very loudly - 'quack' x 4)*
And all FIVE little ducks came back! *(wave five fingers in the air and wriggle back!)*
'Quack, quack, quack, quack, quack!' *(make both hands into beak shapes, fingertips touching)*

