

THEME: Father's Day

Dad will be delighted with this heart warming card and simple gift!
Be aware of children's differing family circumstances – so their gift could be for another 'father figure' at home.

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: Beat The Ball</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Squirrels line up at one end of the hall with a Leader</i> ○ <i>The Leader rolls a large ball down the middle of the hall to the other end</i> ○ <i>At the same time all the Squirrels start to run, trying to reach the other end before the ball gets there!</i> ○ <i>Try again coming back again in the opposite direction and so on!</i> 	Large ball – a mega ball or gym ball might be fun
10	<p>STORY: Read a story where Dad is the hero!</p> <p>'Guess how much I love you' by Sam McBratney and Anita Jeram published by Walker Books ISBN 0 7445 5439 X</p> <p>'Guess how much I love you – all year round' four stories for four seasons! Author and publisher as above ISBN 978 1 4063 1604 9</p> <p>'Why I love my Daddy' by Daniel Howarth published by HarperCollins Children's Books ISBN 978 0 00 780959 2</p> <p>'My Dad' by Anthony Browne published by Doubleday Children's Books ISBN 978 038560613 4</p> <p>'My Dad is brilliant' by Nick Butterworth published by Walker Books ISBN 978 1406315307</p>	Story book
10	<p>CRAFT: Lollipop Mouse</p> <p>This fun gift is adapted from www.familyfun.go.com and made from heart shapes, with a lolly surprise inside – the stick forms the tail!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The body of this lollipop mouse is made from one large heart shape cut from coloured or decorated white paper ○ Older Squirrels may be able to cut out the large sized heart shapes themselves (the widest part of the heart is 12cms) ○ Cut 2 tiny hearts for each mouse – these will form the ears ○ Fold the large heart in half down the centre, with the folded edge as the base, glue the edges together from the tip of the nose along the curve to the top of the back ○ Fold the tiny hearts in half and glue on for ears ○ Add some eyes, whiskers, etc. ○ Lastly tuck a wrapped lollipop into the body of the mouse – the lolly stick will become the tail! 	Paper, white or coloured Art materials, glue Googly eyes (optional) Scissors Wrapped lollipops



10	ACTIVITY: Message for Dad Allow the Squirrels to draw a special picture for their Dad – it might be something they would like to do together on Father’s Day! Stick on the verse or encourage older Squirrels to write their own message!	A4 paper Art materials, glue Printed message
10	GAME: Number Fun <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>The Squirrels run around the hall until a Leader calls out a number – choose numbers depending on size of Drey!</i> ○ <i>The Squirrels then get together to form little groups of that number!</i> 	None
5	Closing, Home	

Lollipop Mouse



Message for Dad

Here's a picture I drew for you.
 I cannot write so it will have to do!
 If I could, I would like it to say:
 'Have a HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!'

