

THEME: Hallowe'en Spiders

Hallowe'en is a time for spooky things – witches, ghosts and spiders! The theme of this Programme is spiders!

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.

TIME (mins)	ACTIVITY	EQUIPMENT
5	Welcome, Register, Opening Ceremony, Introduction to Programme	
10	<p>GAME: Fly, Fly, Spider</p> <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 'fly, fly, fly...'</i> ○ <i>When the Squirrel touches someone and says 'spider', 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	<p>CRAFT: Spooky Spiders</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Prior to the meeting prepare the sections of egg box by making eight holes around the sides and one hole in the top, thread and knot a length of string or elastic through the top so the spider can dangle ○ Give each child a section of egg box and help them push the pipe cleaner legs into the holes in the cardboard ○ The Squirrels can paint their spiders black and leave to dry ○ Add the googly eyes or attach them at the end of evening 	Section of cardboard egg box for each child with pre-made holes Small lengths of black pipe cleaners Black paint & brushes Googly eyes String or elastic
10	<p>ACTIVITY: Spider On The Web</p> <p>Depending on the size of the Drey this activity could be done in one group or in smaller groups with an adult supervising in each. Each group needs a picture of a spider's web, this could be a web drawn in some leaves or spooky house or it could have a fly on it – the children have to place the spider on the web or on the fly! Each group needs a spider and a blindfold. In turn, the Squirrels are blindfolded and try to place the spider where they think it should be!</p>	Drawing of a web Spider cut from black card or plastic spider Blotack Blindfold
10	<p>ACTIVITY: Hallowe'en Eats And Treats</p> <p>The Squirrels will love to eat some of the fun Hallowe'en goodies available from supermarkets at this time of year!</p> <p>'Wotsits' style crisps make good witches fingers and green coloured cordial looks spooky!</p> <p>Why not sing some spidery songs, such as 'Little Miss Muffet' and 'Incy Wincy Spider'!</p>	Refreshments



10	<p>GAME: What's The Time, Mr. Spider?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Line the Squirrels across one end of the room with a Leader</i> ○ <i>A Leader and one Squirrel (Mr Spider) go to the other end of the room and stand with their backs to the Squirrels</i> ○ <i>The Leader with the Squirrels encourages them to call out 'What's the time, Mr Spider?'</i> ○ <i>The other Leader calls out '2 o'clock' and the Squirrels take 2 steps forward, '5 o'clock' and they take 5 steps and so on</i> ○ <i>When the Leader calls out 'Dinner time', they both turn round and Mr Spider tries to catch a Squirrel while the children run back to the other end of the room</i> ○ <i>Anyone caught helps Mr Spider to catch the next time!</i> 	None
5	Closing, Home	

