

## THEME: Here Comes Santa!

Squirrels can hardly wait for Christmas Eve and all the wonderful presents that Santa will leave in their Christmas stockings!

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><b>GAME: GAME: Santa’s Coming!</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>Name one end of the meeting place ‘Santa’s workshop’ and the other end ‘Santa’s sleigh’, when called at random the Squirrels must run to the appropriate end</i></li> <li>○ <i>Add a few other simple actions for them to mime – make toys (pretend to hammer), fill toy sacks (pretend to put toys in a large sack), put on boots, feed Rudolph, have a cup of tea!</i></li> </ul>	None
10	<p><b>GAME: Fill The Stocking</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>Hang a large Christmas stocking at a central point at one end of the hall</i></li> <li>○ <i>Divide the Squirrels into small teams, lined up at the other end of the hall</i></li> <li>○ <i>Give each child a ‘present’ to take down and place in the stocking, the Squirrels run in turn until the stocking is filled!</i></li> <li>○ <i>At the end of the evening everyone can take a ‘present’ home</i></li> </ul>	‘Presents’ - small candy canes, wrapped sweets or lollies Large Christmas stocking
10	<p><b>CRAFT: Jolly Santa</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>Cut out the tear drop shape in red card or funky foam</i></li> <li>○ <i>The tear drop shape makes Santa’s body and hat in one piece</i></li> <li>○ <i>Punch a hole in the pointed end, thread gift ribbon through so Jolly Santa can be hung on the Christmas tree as a novel decoration</i></li> <li>○ <i>Give the Squirrels a flesh coloured circle so they can draw on Santa’s features</i></li> <li>○ <i>Stick the circle onto the red tear drop</i></li> <li>○ <i>Use cotton wool for Santa’s beard and the trim on his hat</i></li> </ul>	Red card or funky foam Flesh coloured card cut into circles Art materials Cotton wool & glue Hole punch Gift ribbon
10	<p><b>ACTIVITY: Please Santa.....</b></p> <p>Give the Squirrels the opportunity to chat about and draw some of the things they would like Santa to bring them this Christmas!            Each child can draw the gifts they would like on the stocking shape!</p>	A4 stocking shapes Art materials



10	<p>GAME: Teddy, Jigsaw, Bike</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>The Squirrels sit in a circle on the floor, name them in turn – teddy, jigsaw, bike, teddy, jigsaw, bike and so on round the circle</i></li> <li>○ <i>To help the Squirrels remember small pictures could be given out</i></li> <li>○ <i>When the Leader calls one of the ‘presents’ at random the child with that present name jumps up and runs clockwise round the outside of the circle</i></li> <li>○ <i>If suitable for the Drey, the instruction ‘fill the stocking’ could be added and everyone jumps up and runs in a circle and sits down again!</i></li> </ul>	<p>None</p> <p>Small pictures (optional)</p>
5	Closing, Home	

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