

THEME: Hungry Crows

In the fields the crops are always a tasty treat for hungry crows, the scarecrow helps the farmer chase them away otherwise some of our crops would never survive! This Programme has a simple crow themed craft which Squirrels will love!

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: Sleeping Scarecrows <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Choose a Squirrel to be the scarecrow, who sits with a Leader on the floor, leaning against a wall pretending to be asleep ○ Scatter straws on the floor near them ○ The Squirrels pretend to be hungry crows and creep up and try to pick up some straws ○ Suddenly the scarecrow ‘wakes up’ and tries to catch a Squirrel ○ Any Squirrel caught must return their collected straws! 	Drinking straws
10	GAME: Crows’ Nests <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Scatter the mats or circles around the floor ○ The Squirrels pretend to be crows flying around the hall ○ When the Leader calls ‘Nest’ they must run to a mat, crouch down with their arms over their heads like wings and pretend to go to sleep ○ When the Leader calls ‘wake up crows!’ they all jump up ready for more flying fun! 	Carpet mats or circles of cardboard
10	CRAFT: Hungry Crow <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Cut a body and head shape from black card or paper or a large circle for the body and a smaller circle for the head ○ Stick the crow’s head and body onto white paper ○ Squirrels can make black handprints for wings on either side of the body ○ Cut out an orange or yellow beak and two legs and attach to the picture, add a googly eye! ○ The crows can be cut out and placed onto a display by making a large nest from a cardboard semi-circle covered with pieces of string, wool, straw or raffia! ○ Don’t forget to put the Squirrels’ names on the back of their birds – they might like to give their crow a special name too! 	Black card or paper Black paint or paint pads A4 white paper Yellow or orange card Googly eyes Brown cardboard String, brown wool, straw, raffia Glue Hand wipes & cleaning equipment
10	ACTIVITY: Have fun with some crow and scarecrow rhymes!	Words



10	<p>GAME: Corn Cob</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Divide the Drey into two equal teams, each team sits on the floor in a line</i> ○ <i>Position the lines about 2 metres apart and facing each other</i> ○ <i>Number the Squirrels from opposite ends in each team</i> ○ <i>Place the cardboard or plastic corn cob on the floor in the middle of the space between the two teams</i> ○ <i>A Leader calls out a number and the children from each team with that number run into the centre to pick up the corn cob and return to their place</i> ○ <i>If wished scores can be kept, ensure that all children get a turn!</i> 	Cardboard or plastic corn cob
5	Closing, Home	

Two Little Black Crows

Two little black crows sitting on a hill
 One named Jack, one named Jill.
 Fly away Jack. Fly away Jill.
 Come back Jack. Come back Jill!

Five Black Crows

tune of 'Five Little Speckled Frogs'

Five crows all shiny black sat on a scarecrow's back
 Eating some most delicious corn. CAW! CAW!
 Scarecrow winked and shouted 'BOO!'
 Scared one crow, away he flew.
 Now there are four black shiny crows. CAW! CAW!

Four crows all shiny black.... and so on...until

One crow all shiny black sat on a scarecrow's back
 Eating some most delicious corn. CAW! CAW!
 Scarecrow winked and shouted 'BOO!'
 Scared one crow, away he flew.
 Now there are no black shiny crows. AW! AW!

Scarecrow, Scarecrow

tune of 'Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear'

Scarecrow, scarecrow, turn around.
 Scarecrow, scarecrow, touch the ground.
 Scarecrow, scarecrow, reach up high.
 Scarecrow, scarecrow, touch the sky.
 Scarecrow, scarecrow, bend down low.
 Scarecrow, scarecrow, touch your toe.

