

## THEME: Jolly Scarecrows

October is a time to celebrate the harvest festival and without the scarecrow some of our crops would never survive the hungry birds in the farmer's fields! This Programme is full of scarecrow themed fun!

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	<b>GAME: Scarecrow's Field</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>The Drey lines up across one end of the hall</i></li> <li>○ <i>A Leader stands at the other end facing away from the Squirrels – the Leader is the scarecrow, the Squirrels are hungry crows!</i></li> <li>○ <i>The Squirrels start to fly down the hall</i></li> <li>○ <i>At random the Leader calls out, 'One two, I see you!' and turns round, any crow still flying must sit down where they are, the rest can continue on to the end of the hall</i></li> <li>○ <i>When the Squirrels still playing reach the end everyone flies back to the start and the game begins again!</i></li> </ul>	None
10	<b>ACTIVITY: Scarecrow Rhymes and Songs</b> Everyone knows the old favourite 'I'm a dingle dangle scarecrow'; learn some new songs and rhymes (with actions) on the scarecrow theme! Visit <a href="http://www.thevirtualvine.com/scarecrows.html">www.thevirtualvine.com/scarecrows.html</a> for lots of ideas!	Words
10	<b>ACTIVITY: Great Big Scarecrow</b> Get the Drey to make a massive collage of a life size scarecrow using old shirt and trousers, straw for hands and hair, feathers, wool, coloured paper – let imaginations run riot! When completed, display in the meeting place for everyone to see!	Life size outline of scarecrow on cardboard Collage materials, glue
10	<b>STORY: 'Scarecrow's Secret'</b> from Usborne Farmyard Tales series by Heather Amery and Stephen Cartwright ISBN 9 780746 060506 is another enchanting story from Apple Tree Farm and the Boot family!	Story book
10	<b>ACTIVITY: Scarecrow Colouring</b> The Squirrels will have fun colouring a scarecrow picture to take home at the end of the evening! Why not add some real straw or yellow raffia for the hands and hair!	Printed colouring sheets Art materials Straw & glue
5	Closing, Home	



## I'm a dingle dangle scarecrow

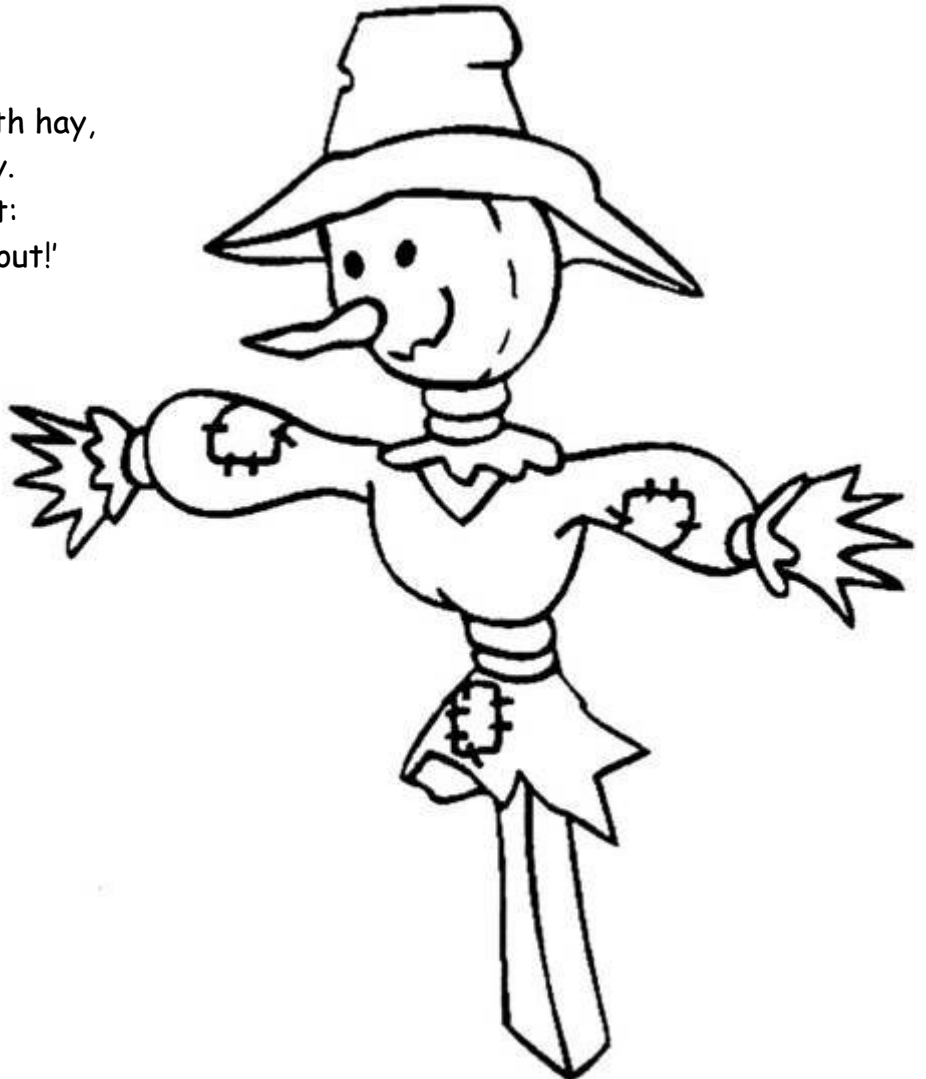
When all the cows were sleeping and the sun had gone to bed,  
Up jumped the scarecrow and this is what he said:  
'I'm a dingle dangle scarecrow with a floppy floppy hat!  
I can shake my arms like this and I can shake my legs like that!'

When the cows were in the meadow and the pigeons in the loft,  
Up jumped the scarecrow and whispered very soft:  
'I'm a dingle dangle scarecrow with a floppy floppy hat!  
I can shake my arms like this and I can shake my legs like that!'

When all the hens were roosting and the moon behind a cloud,  
Up jumped the scarecrow and shouted very loud:  
'I'm a dingle dangle scarecrow with a floppy floppy hat!  
I can shake my arms like this and I can shake my legs like that!'

## I'm a little scarecrow

I'm a little scarecrow stuffed with hay,  
Standing watch in my field all day.  
When I see a crow I like to shout:  
'Hey, Mr. Crow, you'd better get out!'



## Scarecrow Colouring

