

THEME: Mothering Sunday

Mothering Sunday provides the Squirrels with the opportunity to be kind and helpful at home and to give their Mums a special gift to show how much they love them!

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: 123 Red Light</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A Leader stands at one end of the hall facing away from the Squirrels, who stand in a line across the other end ○ The Drey gradually moves down the hall miming something their Mummy does – this could be her work, things she does at home (shopping, brushing the floor, making dinner, ironing) or in her spare time (swimming, cycling, running, knitting). Before moving decide the action everyone will do ○ The Leader calls out, ‘123’ and on ‘red light’ turns round to face the Squirrels who must freeze! ○ Anyone still moving sits down on the floor but joins in again after everyone reaches the Leader, then everyone goes back to start and the next action begins! 	None
10	<p>CRAFT: Pop-up Teddy Flower Card</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Give each child a pre-printed card with fold lines creased ○ Squirrels can colour the pictures as they wish and stick the teddy and verse on the front ○ The bouquet of flowers can be made from fabric flower motifs available from craft shops or www.bakerross.co.uk or bright coloured scrunched up tissue paper or collage material ○ Help the Squirrels fold the card so that the bouquet pops up when the card is opened and sign their own name! 	Printed cards Printed teddy and verse Art materials & glue Flower motifs or collage materials
10	<p>STORY: Why not read a story from the many delightful books available.</p> <p>Everyone loves their Mummy because.... ‘Why I love my Mummy’ by Daniel Howarth published by HarperCollins Children’s Books ISBN 978 0 00 78090 8 has illustrations which the Squirrels will adore!</p> <p>‘Mummy Mine’ by Tim Warnes and Jane Chapman published by HarperCollins Children’s Books ISBN 978 0 00 721977 3</p> <p>‘My Mum’ by Anthony Browne published by Doubleday Children’s Books ISBN 97803 8561367 5 is lots of fun!</p>	Story book



10	<p>GAME: Bunch of Flowers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Attach some coloured pictures of different flowers around the meeting place walls</i> ○ <i>The Drey starts off in a 'bunch' in the centre of the hall, every time the Leader says 'bunch' they must huddle together back in the centre</i> ○ <i>The Leader calls out at random the colours or names of the flowers on the pictures and the Squirrels run to the appropriate place</i> 	Coloured pictures of flowers (old calendars) Blutack
10	<p>GAME: Teddy Says....</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>A Leader holds up the soft toy teddy and says 'Teddy says do...' and adds an action which the Squirrels must copy</i> ○ <i>These actions can be simple movements or things that they could do at home to help Mummy!</i> 	Soft toy teddy
5	Closing, Home	

Pop-up Teddy Flower Card

Verse and teddy motif for front of card

Mummy,

**Of all the Mummies, you're the best!
You shine brighter than all the rest.
You know how much I love you!
Thank you for everything you do!**



Design for inside card

