

THEME: Outer Space

Take a trip into outer space with this activity packed Programme and celebrate Space Day which falls at the beginning of May. Space Day is celebrated across the USA and is an educational initiative to expand children's knowledge of space exploration. Visit www.spaceday.org for more information. This Programme can span two weekly meetings giving a variety of crafts, games and lots of 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	GAME: Trip to Outer Space <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Take the Squirrels on a trip to outer space by describing different elements of the journey for the children to mime!</i> ○ <i>Get into spaceship – Drey sits in a circle format</i> ○ <i>Countdown – count slowly from ten to zero</i> ○ <i>Blast-off – everyone makes a rumbling sound increasing in volume and then jump up in the air</i> ○ <i>Moonwalk – walk about slowly as through weightless</i> ○ <i>Back in space ship – circle format</i> ○ <i>Repeat actions for take off but arrive on different planets – for example 'Hopping Planet', 'Crawling Planet', 'Wiggle Planet', etc.!</i> ○ <i>Finish with journey back to Earth</i> 	None
10	CRAFT: Space Capsule <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Much of this Drey activity needs to be pre-prepared by the Leaders but the Squirrels will enjoy their own unique input! ○ Allow the Squirrels to decorate the rocket with lots of shiny materials ○ Choose a name for the rocket and attach it to the space craft ○ Take a digital photo of each Squirrel (and Leadership team!) ○ These photos can be printed for the next week and fixed to the rocket to look as though everyone is travelling inside the space ship! 	Large rocket shaped piece of cardboard approx 2metres tall Lots of tinfoil, silver paper, shiny stickers, etc Glue Sign – name of rocket Digital camera
10	ACTIVITY: Moon Rocks While the Drey is busy with the Space Capsule craft a Leader can unobtrusively hide the moon rocks around the meeting place. The Squirrels have to search to find one moon rock each!	Pre-prepare 1 moon rock per child Choose a small gift (a small bouncy ball or similar) and wrap in a ball of tinfoil
	ACTIVITY: Five Little Aliens Have fun with this simple counting rhyme!	Words



10	GAME: Alien Encounter <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Two children hold hands, they are the 'alien'</i> ○ <i>Without letting go of each other, they try and capture another child</i> ○ <i>The third child joins the 'alien' and holds on</i> ○ <i>When a fourth child is caught, the group splits into two 'aliens' and so on...</i> 	None
5	Closing, Home	

Space Capsule



Five Little Aliens

Five little aliens went out one day
 Out into space, near the Milky Way
 They flew round and round and one lost its way
 Landed on Earth and decided to stay!

Four little aliens went out one day
 and so on.....

