

THEME: Saint Patrick

Squirrels will enjoy learning about the Patron Saint of Ireland through this fun filled Programme!

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: Saints and Serpents <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Stick one strip of masking tape on the right and left arm of each Squirrel</i> ○ <i>Choose one Squirrel to be Saint Patrick, this child chases the others and tries to pull off a sticky strip</i> ○ <i>If the catcher gets a strip they place it on the front of their own sweatshirt</i> ○ <i>Change the Saint Patrick role around the children!</i> 	2 small strips of masking tape per child
10	CRAFT: Snakes Alive! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Give each child a white paper ‘snake’ to decorate as they wish. Pictures of real snakes could be displayed! ○ Help the Squirrels stick on their ‘tongues’ and eyes ○ Encourage them to give their snake a name! 	Strips of white paper Art materials Red paper ‘tongues’ Stick-on eyes Selotape
10	GAME: Wiggly Snakes Relay <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Divide the Drey into small teams each with a paper snake and rolled up newspaper</i> ○ <i>The first child in the team flaps the snake along the floor to the other end of the hall using the newspaper, they can then pick up the snake and run back to their team</i> ○ <i>The second team member does the same and so on!</i> 	Coloured paper snakes Rolled up newspapers
10	STORY: Tell a simple abridged version of the story of Saint Patrick	Story
10	GAME: Coloured Snake Corners <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Print or draw some simple snake outlines on to sheets of different coloured paper. Visit www.coloring.ws for lots of ‘snakey’ pictures!</i> ○ <i>Place the ‘snake’ pictures at various positions around the meeting place</i> ○ <i>When the coloured snake is called the Squirrels go to it</i> ○ <i>Add some variety by calling different actions – run to the green snake, hop to the red snake, crawl to the yellow snake and so on!</i> 	Simple snake outline on coloured sheets of paper Blutack
5	Closing, Home	

