

## THEME: Snowmen

January can be a month of snowy weather, maybe the Drey might like to go outdoors and build a real snowman! Alternatively, have some snowy fun in the warmth of the meeting place!

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: Snowman Relay</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>Divide the Drey into small teams at one end of the hall</i></li> <li>○ <i>Position for each team at intervals down the hall, a scarf, gloves and then a hat</i></li> <li>○ <i>On the word ‘snow!’ the first Squirrel runs and puts on the scarf, then runs and puts on the gloves and then finally the hat. When they reach the end of the hall they run back to the start taking everything off in reverse order</i></li> <li>○ <i>On their return to the team the second child runs and so on</i></li> <li>○ <i>Leaders must ensure items are left in a tidy fashion so no-one trips during this relay</i></li> </ul>	Sets of scarves, gloves and hats
10	<b>GAME: Toss the Snowball</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>The Drey stands in a wide circle around a basket or bucket</i></li> <li>○ <i>Give each child a paper ball</i></li> <li>○ <i>On the instruction ‘throw your snow!’ everyone tries to toss their snowball into the container</i></li> <li>○ <i>Collect up the balls, re-distribute and try again!</i></li> </ul>	Scrunched up paper balls Small pop-up laundry basket or bucket
10	<b>CRAFT: Mister Snowman</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>Create delightful snowmen using a small paper plate for the head and a larger one for the body</i></li> <li>○ <i>The Squirrels can create features either using collage materials such as black card circles for eyes and buttons, orange cone shapes for nose and a small piece of pipe cleaner for a smiley mouth. Attach with glue or sticky fixers</i></li> <li>○ <i>Alternatively use crayons to decorate plates</i></li> <li>○ <i>Attach a pre-made hat made from black card</i></li> <li>○ <i>For a novel twist attach a small knitted scarf when securing the head and body together using a paper fastener!</i></li> </ul>	Two paper plates per child (small & big) Collage materials & glue or crayons Paper fasteners Pre-made hats Small knitted scarves (optional)
10	<b>ACTIVITY: The Snowman</b> Why not have some fun with the magical story <i>The Snowman</i> by Raymond Briggs published by Puffin ISBN 978 0 140 50350 0 If your venue allows the Squirrels could watch a short animated version of this tale on DVD!	Storybook or DVD



10	<p><b>GAME: Build a Snowman</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>Print off the pieces as outlined on website – <a href="http://www.activityvillage.co.uk/christmas_games.htm">www.activityvillage.co.uk/christmas_games.htm</a> under <i>Printable Christmas Games</i>, then click on 'Make A Snowman Game'</i></li> <li>○ <i>Divide the Drey into small groups, each with a set of snowman pieces and a dice. Large size dice are easier for this age range to handle and do not get lost, available from toy shops or Learning Space, 11a Fountain Centre, College Street, Belfast <a href="http://www.learningspaceni.co.uk">www.learningspaceni.co.uk</a></i></li> <li>○ <i>Play as instructions!</i></li> </ul>	<p>Printed pieces as website instructions Dice</p>
5	Closing, Home	

