

## THEME: Snowy Trees

The Squirrels will enjoy this novel snowy craft in the hope that there will be snow over the holiday season!

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: Snowball Fight</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>Mark the hall into four sections using masking tape or chalk</i></li> <li>○ <i>Divide the Drey into four teams, one in each section</i></li> <li>○ <i>Give each team a number of ‘snowballs’ – scrunched up balls of white paper</i></li> <li>○ <i>The aim is for teams to throw snowballs into the other sections whilst trying to keep their own section clear!</i></li> </ul>	Masking tape/chalk Snowballs
10	<b>CRAFT: Snowy Winter Trees</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Help the Squirrels to trace around their forearm and outstretched hand on to the cardboard, this forms a tree with five branches</li> <li>○ The children colour in the trunk and branches then stick on scrunched up tissues or cotton wool for snow!</li> <li>○ The Squirrels can then draw a picture of a squirrel on the tree or, alternatively a picture of a squirrel can be added!</li> </ul>	A piece of cardboard for each Squirrel Art materials White tissues/cottonwool Glue Picture of squirrel (optional)
10	<b>STORY: Read a story on a snowy theme.</b> ‘One Snowy Night’ from the Percy, the park keeper series by Nick Butterworth published by Picture Lions ISBN 0 00 664318 3 ‘Say Hello to the Snowy Animals!’ by Ian Whybrow and Ed Eaves published by Macmillan Children’s Books ISBN 978 0 230 01391 9 ‘First Snow’ by Bernette Ford and Sebastien Braun published by Boxer Books ISBN 0 9547373 3 4, tells of Bunny’s first experience of snow! ‘Mine, All Mine!’ by Claire Hawcock and Chiara Pasqualotto published by Boxer Books ISBN 978 1 90625075 1, Little Squirrel is mesmerised by a sparkling snowflake and wants it all for himself. An enchanting story of friendship, family and learning to share with delightful sparkly illustrations.	Story book
10	<b>GAME: Frozen Statues</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>The Squirrels dance around the hall (music optional)</i></li> <li>○ <i>When a Leader say, ‘stop’ or the music stops they must stay still as though frozen!</i></li> </ul>	CD player (optional)



10	<p><b>GAME: Snowball Roll</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>The Squirrels stand in a line across one end of the hall</i></li> <li>○ <i>Two Leaders stand halfway down the hall, at either side with the soft footballs</i></li> <li>○ <i>On the word 'snowball' the Squirrels all run down the hall together</i></li> <li>○ <i>The Leaders roll the balls across the hall, anyone hit below the knee sits out for one go and then joins in again!</i></li> </ul>	Large soft footballs
5	Closing, Home	

