

## THEME: There Was an Old Lady...

The ever popular poem, 'There was an old lady who swallowed a fly...' and her subsequent gastronomic adventures provides the basis of 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  |
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| 5           | Welcome, Register, Opening Ceremony, Introduction to Programme  |  |
| 10          | <p><b>GAME: Spider and Fly</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>Spread the parachute flat on the floor</i></li> <li>○ <i>Choose one Squirrel to be the fly and one to be the spider, they both remove their shoes</i></li> <li>○ <i>The fly crawls under the parachute and the rest of the Drey sit on the floor around the edge of the parachute holding the handles or the edge firmly</i></li> <li>○ <i>The Drey makes the parachute ripple to conceal the whereabouts of the fly</i></li> <li>○ <i>The spider then crawls on top of the parachute and tries to catch the fly through the fabric</i></li> <li>○ <i>When caught choose others for the two roles, ensure that everyone has a turn at both!</i></li> </ul> | Parachute  |
| 10          | <p><b>STORY:</b> Read this ever popular story (or sing the musical version if you prefer) and hear about how much the old lady could eat! 'There was an old lady who swallowed a fly' comes in a number of formats with differing illustration styles! By Pam Adams published by Child's Play (International) Ltd. ISBN 978 0859537278<br/>By Sims Taback published by Viking Kestrel Picture Books ISBN 978 0670869398<br/>By Mark Carthew &amp; Michael Rosen, illustrations by Ann James, published by Collins Educational ISBN 978 000722872 0</p>  | Story  |
| 10          | <p><b>ACTIVITY:</b> Retell the story but with a twist!<br/>Give the Squirrels a picture of one of the items from the story – fly, spider, cat, etc. At one end of the room, place a large drawing of the old lady with a blank space in the centre – the children can attach their pictures to the blank space when their item is mentioned in the story!<br/>Or draw a picture of the old lady's face with a very large open mouth, stick this on to a large cardboard box and cut a hole for the mouth. The Squirrels can run and 'feed' the old lady when their item is mentioned in the story!</p>  | Large drawing of 'old lady' or box and 'face'<br>Pictures of items from the story<br>Blutack |



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| 10 | <p><b>GAME: Spider Web Corners</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>Print or draw a simple spider outline onto sheets of different coloured paper and attach around the walls</i></li> <li>○ <i>A Leader calls out 'run to the red spider' or 'hop to the green spider' and the Squirrels do the appropriate action making their way to the corresponding coloured spider!</i></li> </ul>  | <p>Different coloured spiders<br/>Blutack</p>      |
| 10 | <p><b>GAME: What's the Time, Old Lady?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>Choose one Squirrel to be 'the old lady', they stand with a Leader at one end of the hall</i></li> <li>○ <i>The remainder of the Drey are with a Leader at the other end of the hall, give each of these Squirrels a name of an item from the story or a picture (if this helps them remember)</i></li> <li>○ <i>With their Leader, the Drey chants, 'What's the time, Old Lady?'</i></li> <li>○ <i>The Leader and 'the old lady' reply, '2 o'clock' (2 steps forward), '5 o'clock' (5 steps forward) or 'time to eat...' and adds the item to be eaten, e.g. 'fly' – everyone else freezes while anyone who is a 'fly' tries to run back to their 'home base' at the end of the hall before 'the old lady' catches them! The Leaders can help guide the Squirrels!</i></li> <li>○ <i>If any Squirrels are caught they join 'the old lady' and try to catch others!</i></li> </ul> | <p>Pictures of items from the story (optional)</p> |
| 5  | Closing, Home   |  |

