

THEME: Tortoise and the Hare

The theme of this Programme is the well known Aesop's fable of the Tortoise and the Hare.

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 'Duck, duck, goose' 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: Slow And Fast <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>The Squirrels watch the Leader who holds up either a picture of the tortoise or a picture of the hare</i> ○ <i>When the picture of the tortoise is held up the Squirrels move around the hall very slowly</i> ○ <i>When the hare picture is held up they go really fast!</i> 	Picture of tortoise and hare Blutack
10	STORY: Tell the story of 'The Tortoise and the Hare', one of Aesop's fables with a moral in the tale!	Story
10	CRAFT: Paper Plate Tortoise <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Give each Squirrel a paper plate to decorate with a mosaic of coloured paper – they can tear small squares from the colours of their own choice ○ Attach four legs cut from the card strip. Another piece of card strip with a rounded end can be used for the head ○ Add eyes – googly eyes will bring the tortoise to life! ○ Encourage the Squirrels to give their tortoise a special name! 	Paper plates Coloured paper Glue Strips of card cut into sections for legs and head Googly eyes (optional)
10	ACTIVITY: The Tortoise Song Teach the Drey a new song about a tortoise; this one has been adapted from Scholastic Creative Play. The Squirrels can make their paper plate tortoise crawl along while they are singing!	Words
10	GAME: Tortoise Race <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Divide the Squirrels into teams at one end of the hall</i> ○ <i>In turn, the Squirrels get down on all fours with a soft cushion balanced on their back</i> ○ <i>They crawl slowly down the hall trying not to let the cushion fall off</i> ○ <i>When they reach the other end they can change into hares by holding their cushion in their hand and running back!</i> 	Soft cushion per team
5	Closing, Home	



The Tortoise Song

tune of 'Sing a song of sixpence'

I'm a little tortoise, a shell upon my back,
It's made of different colours - green and brown and black!
The colours make a pattern, as pretty as can be,
That's different from all other shells and that's what makes me ME!

