**1st LESSON PLAN**

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| **SUBJECT:** | Fire: friend or enemy? |
| **LEARNING AREA:** | Classroom |
| **GAINS** | * It will help children to understand the connection between human, its activity and nature; * It will teach children to acknowledge and evaluate dangerous situations in the surroundings, look for a solution; * Children will learn of the basic rules of how to behave in extreme situations, in a case of a fire; * Children will have the opportunity to evaluate their own and others’ behaviour in dangerous situations; * Children will adapt their newly gained knowledge in creative, practical and playful activities. |
| **MATERIALS:** | Series of pictures (added), board for demonstrations, story “A bear and a fire in a forest” (added), colourful pencils, markers |
| **DURATION:** | 30 minutes |
| **PROCCESS:**   1. **Introduction to the lesson (Motivation - Attracting attention - activating preliminary knowledge)**   Children, can you guess what the answer is: “White little man, has a brown head. What is it?” (answer: a match)  I am sure that all of you kids know, that matches are not toys for children. I am also sure that you have seen your mom or dad lighting a fire with a match. A match burns for only a few seconds, but what a power it has. I will read you a story about a bear, who was not careful enough when handling a fire *(story added below the lesson plan).*   1. **Exploring**   Work with the pictures happens in several stages:  1. Children take a look at the provided pictures;  2. Children name, what they see in the pictures;  3. Children colour the pictures with pencils, markers  4. Children answer to provided questions (ask them to use full sentences).  5. The plot of the story is recreated with the help of pictures (you can ask children questions to lead them the right way): what did the bear want? What did he do? What happened? Who extinguished the fire? What happen to the bear? Who helped the bear? How did the bear acted when he got all the goods? What did the rest of the animals do?  6. Children are suggested to play an active game “The forest is on fire”. Players are asked to stand in a circle in pairs. One player stands in the middle of the circle and exclaims: “The forest in on fire! Run, run, run!” When the final “run” is said, one player from each pair runs to the right side until the player in the middle of the circle says: “The fire is extinguished!” Then the players who were running have to stand behind any player that is standing. The player who was standing in the middle also runs and finds a place behind a standing player. The player who is left without a pair now stand in the middle and the game starts again.   1. **Explanation** 2. Discussions, conversations with children about the benefits and harms of a fire, if children have any questions, they should be answered. 3. Children should be informed about the emergency number (differs in every 4. Talk to children of why it is important to know their home address and mom or dad’s phone numbers by heart. 5. Together with the children establish rules of how to act safely with fire in the nature, talk about them, ask the children to remember the rules and follow them. 6. Using an interview method establish how much experience the children have, what’s their opinion about the matter. 7. **Elaborate**  * Do you know why children are not allowed to play with matches? Why is it not allowed to take the matched? * What do you think, what might happen to us, if we do not behave safely in the nature with fire? * Where in the forest we can light up fireplaces? * What should we do if we see a fire in a forest? * What can we use to extinguish a fire in a forest? * If you think that you will not be able to put out the fire, which emergency number should you call for help?  1. **Evaluation**   Ask the children, which activity was their favourite. Why? Encourage the children, if needed, provide them with hints. Children understand the consequences of the fire and what will happen if the children play with matches or will not be safe with fire. | |

***A bear and a fire in a forest***

Once upon a time, a big bear lived in a big and beautiful forest. Like other residents of the forest, when autumn came, the bear started preparing for the winter. Like all other bears, our bear loved honey and was thinking hard on where to get it from. Like we all know, honey is produced by bees. So, the bear decided to look for a beehive. But how would he take that honey out of the hive? The bees might sting him! So, the bear prepared a sneaky plan to lure the bees out of the beehive…

When he found a hive, the bear lit a piece of paper under the hive and started smoking the bees out of their home. In panic the bees left their house, because they were afraid of the possible fire. Of course, they left all the honey unattended. The bear happily threw the paper on fire away and started putting the honey into his barrel. He stuck his paw into the hive and scratched the honey out until his barrel was full of it.

And suddenly the bear smelled not only the smell of the honey. The air smelled of smoke. The bear turned around and saw that the forest was on fire: the dry grass and leaves were in flames; the thin trees were caught fire too. The fire was spreading was fast and going higher and higher… up to the sky!

“Fire! We are on fire! Save yourselves, the forest is on fire,” the bear started running and shouting.

The forest animals got scared, left their houses and together with the bear started running out of the forest. The call of help was heard by the beavers who were preparing their dam for the winter in a river nearby. Who else if not the beavers will extinguish the fire! The beavers grabbed their buckets and ran to extinguish the fire. The residents of the forest felt shame, that they left their houses and came back to help the brave beavers. Everyone worked as hard as they could. Owls and woodpeckers and other birds spilled the water from up above.

Rabbits, squirrels and little hedgehogs dug barriers from the sand, foxes and wolves tried to extinguish the fire with their tales. Even our bear spilled the honey out of his barrel, poured in water and tried to extinguish the fire. Finally, the fire was extinguished and the animals were laying on the ground exhausted, trying to catch their breaths. The bear looked around and started crying and moaning:

“What are we going to eat? All of our savings are gone! Where are we going to live? We don’t have homes anymore!”

Suddenly, the bear felt ashamed and started screaming:

“What have I done?! The forest is gone because of my actions...”

All of the animals looked at the bear. The bear confessed, that it was his fault, that he tried to smoke the bees out of their hive and get all the honey.

The animals were enraged and commanded the bear to leave the forest immediately.

The bear left the forest. He was walking down the road and crying when he met a farmer who was fixing the wheel of his cart.

“Why are you crying, brown bear?” he asked.

“What else can I do! I was kicked out of the forest…” and he explained everything to the farmer.

“Oh, you silly, what have you done? You fooled the bees, stole the honey and did so much harm to the forest… I feel sorry for you,” said the farmer and suggest the bear to go to the village with him. Maybe the good villagers will be able to help him somehow.

The bear wandered around the village and told his story to all the villagers. The people felt sorry for him. People scolded the bear, but they also gave the bear whatever they had. The bear got a full cart of various goods: carrots, cabbages, grain…

The bear took all the goods and rushed back to the forest. He gave the goods to the animals: rabbits got carrots and cabbages, hedgehogs received apples and pears, squirrels got grain and dried fruits, fox got a piece of bacon, wold – a huge ham; birds got bread and the bees got jam… He had nothing left… The bear was sitting on the empty cart sad… He tried to fix his mistake as best as he could and he apologized everyone. He had nothing left for himself.

“Well, I will go to lie down somewhere and will sleep through the winter hungry. I will cover myself with the cart,” he murmured to himself.

Suddenly he heard steps behind his back. All the animals of the forest came to him with their goods. They felt sorry for the bear. They shared their goods with animals.

“Come back to the forest, bear, we are not mad anymore. You fixed your mistake. Stay with us, we are strong together, and you’ll be lost on your own…”

The bear felt very happy and hugged as much animals as he could.

He never behaved so silly with fire anymore and never stole honey again. He apologized to the bees and asked them to fill in his barrel with honey for the nest winter…





















