

Safety Awareness and Fire Education - Gloucestershire
Lesson Plan - 'Frances the Firefly'

Class	Reception
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Topic:	Frances the Firefly
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Aim:	To learn the danger of playing with matches
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Safety Objectives:	Fire setting	To identify matches and lighters as a danger
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Early Learning Goals	Knowledge and understanding of the World	To investigate subjects and materials by using all their senses as appropriate.
	Knowledge and understanding of the World	To find out about and identify some features of living things, objects and events they observe.
	Personal, social and emotional development	To respond to significant experiences, showing a range of feelings when appropriate.
	Personal, social and emotional development	To have a developing awareness of their own needs, views and feelings and be sensitive to the needs, views and feelings of others.
	Personal, social and emotional development	To consider the consequences of their words and actions for themselves and others.
	Communication, language and literacy	To use language to imagine and recreate roles and experiences.
	Communication, language and literacy	To use talk to organise, sequence and clarify thinking, ideas, feelings and events.

Minimum activity:	Read or watch Frances the Firefly and discuss the dangers of playing with matches
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Activities		Required as a minimum activity?	Notes available
1	Read or watch Frances the Firefly	✓	
2	Discuss the danger of playing with matches	✓	✓
3	Colour in the Frances worksheet and take home		

Activity 1	Read or watch Frances the Firefly – minimum activity	
Working	Whole class	
Resources	Options of delivery: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Copy of Frances the Firefly story or <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TV and DVD player or computer and screen and Frances the firefly film on disc 	
Notes	The film lasts around 6 minutes. There are no subtitles for children with hearing impairments.	
Timings		
Preparation	Watching Frances	Set up TV and DVD player or computer and screen
Plan		
	Read or watch the story of Frances the Firefly	

Activity 2	Discuss the danger of playing with matches – minimum activity	
Working	Whole class	
Resources	If required to re-cap on story <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Frances the firefly story 	
Notes	Activity Notes available.	
Timings	10 minutes	
Preparation	Have undertaken activity 1	
Plan		
	Using the pictures in the storybook, re-cap the story and discuss why Frances picked up the matches, what happened and what she should have done. Frances the Firefly Activity Notes 2 covers the key questions and main teaching points. Refer back to Hot Rules in Hot and Cold Lesson if appropriate.	

Activity 3	Colour in the Frances worksheet and take home	
Working	Individual	
Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Photocopy of Frances colouring sheet per child (with message for parent/carers on the back). • Crayons. 	
Notes	There is a message for parents/carers regarding fire and road safety information on the back of the sheet. If a child's parents/carers do not have English as a first language and reads in a different language, please contact Gloucestershire Fire & Rescue Service for this worksheet in their language.	
Timings		
Preparation	Have undertaken activity 1 and 2	
Plan		
	Ask each child to colour in Frances to remind them not to touch matches. Ask them to take it home and show their parents/ carers and to discuss with their parents/ carers if they have smoke alarms and everyone knows what to do if the smoke alarm sounds.	

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 Frances the Firefly Lesson – Resources and Worksheets

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Activity	Item	Reusable resource or worksheet?	Location
	Watch Frances the Firefly	Reusable resource	On disc
	Story of Frances the Firefly	Reusable resources	In resources folder
Activity 2:	Story of Frances the Firefly	Reusable resources	In resources folder
Activity 3:	Frances the firefly colouring sheet	Worksheet to photocopy	Following pages and on disc

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Activity Notes - Frances the Firefly Activity 2

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Activity:	2 – Discuss the dangers of playing with matches
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Over view of activity	Read or watch Frances the firefly Using the pictures from the book discuss the main safety points		
Key Questions	Why was Frances sad?	She was jealous that her tail did not light up and she couldn't go flying with the older fireflies. She thought she would never be old enough to fly at night.	Pages 5 & 6
	What did Cocky roach suggest Frances did?	Use a match to make a tail of her own.	Pages 9 & 10
	Was Cocky Roach being nice?	No, he was playing a trick on her.	Pages 7 & 8
	Did Frances know she shouldn't touch the matches?	Yes, her Mummy had said they were dangerous.	Pages 9 & 10
	What should you do if someone suggests playing with matches?	You should say 'No.' and tell them that they are dangerous.	
	What happened to Frances when she was flying?	The flame grew bigger and her wings were burnt.	Pages 11 & 12
	What did the match do when it was dropped?	It fell to the ground and set fire to some leaves and twigs, soon the whole forest was alight. Many insects were hurt and houses were destroyed	Pages 13 & 14
	What does Frances do now?	Frances tells all the young insects what happened and that they should never play with matches	Pages 17 & 18
	What should you do if you see some matches lying around?	You should never touch them and you should tell a grown-up	
	What should you do if your friend has some matches and wants to play with them	Tell them that matches are dangerous and not a toy and tell a grown-up that your friend has them. You will not be getting them in trouble, but could stop them getting hurt	

Main teaching points	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Never touch matches or lighters• Matches and lighters can burn and hurt you and cause fires• If you see matches or lighters lying around, tell a grown-up• If someone suggests playing with matches, always say “No” and tell a grown-up, they will not be cross because you are trying to keep people safe• If you do not touch matches they will not hurt you.
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