

# A Bright Night with Nova

*Learning objective: To develop reading comprehension skills by retrieving and inferring information from a non-fiction text about Bonfire Night.*

Read the story carefully and answer the questions below. Use your best handwriting and full sentences.

On the fifth of November, Nova the owl perched high in the branches of the old oak tree. Below, the village was preparing for Bonfire Night. Nova watched as the villagers carefully built a large bonfire using dry wood and straw. As the sun set, the sky turned a deep, dusky purple. Suddenly, a bright orange flame licked at the wood, and the fire began to crackle. Nova hooted with delight as colourful fireworks whistled into the air, painting the night with dazzling shades of red, green, and gold. Children stood wrapped in thick, woolly scarves, holding glowing sparklers that left swirling patterns in the dark. It was a cold evening, but the heat from the bonfire kept everyone feeling warm and cosy. They were celebrating a tradition that had happened for many years. Nova loved watching the sparks dance like tiny stars against the dark night sky. It was the perfect time for an owl who loved to stargaze, as the night felt extra magical and bright.

*Word bank: sparklers · celebration · tradition · crackling · bonfire · dazzling*

**1. What date does Bonfire Night take place on? (1 mark)**

**2. What are the children holding that creates swirling patterns in the dark? (1 mark)**

**3. How do you know that the weather is cold on this night? (2 marks)**

**4. Why do you think Nova the owl enjoys watching the fireworks? (2 marks)**

**5. Would you like to attend a Bonfire Night celebration? Explain why. (2 marks)**

**Draw:** Draw a picture of Nova the owl watching the fireworks from the oak tree, making sure to include the bonfire and the children with their sparklers.



*Extension challenge: Research why we celebrate Bonfire Night. Write three interesting facts you have found in your exercise book.*