A Sparkly Night with Leo the Lion

Learning objective: To retrieve information from a text and use descriptive language to write about a seasonal event.

Read the story about Leo's special evening. Then, use the word bank to help you answer the questions below.

It was a crisp, chilly evening in November. Leo the Lion invited his friends to a garden gathering to watch the fireworks. In the middle of the field, a large bonfire was built with logs and sticks. When it was lit, the fire roared to life, casting a warm orange glow on everyone's faces. Everyone watched as bright red and green sparks flew high into the night sky. The fireworks made a loud, crackling sound as they exploded. Some sparks were fizzing like tiny stars. Leo held a handheld sparkler carefully, moving it in circles to draw glowing shapes in the air. It was a dazzling celebration that made everyone feel happy and safe.

Word bank: sparkler · crackling · bonfire · fizzing · bright · dazzling · warm · celebration

1. What did Leo and his friends build in the middle of the field? (2 marks)

2. Find two adjectives in the text that describe the fireworks or the fire. (2 marks)

3. Why was the evening considered a 'celebration'? (2 marks)

4. What was Leo doing with his sparkler? (2 marks)

5. If a box of sparklers costs £2, how much would three boxes cost? Show your working out. (3 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Leo the Lion standing by the bonfire. Make sure to include some colourful, fizzing fireworks in the night sky above him.

Extension challenge: Write three sentences describing what you might hear, see, and smell at a bonfire night celebration. Use at least two words from the word bank.