

A Bright Night with Nova

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

Read the story about Nova the owl watching the night sky, then answer the questions below.

Nova the barn owl sat high in her favourite oak tree. It was the 5th of November. Below her, the people in the village had built a large bonfire. It crackled and popped as the orange flames danced towards the stars. Nova watched as colourful fireworks zoomed into the dark sky. One went 'whizz' and turned into a bright blue circle. Another made a loud 'bang' and showered the sky with sparkling gold lights. Nova hooted happily. She loved watching the night turn into a beautiful show of light and sound.

Word bank: sparkling · whizz · bang · colourful · bonfire · crackled · night · sky

1. On what date does the story take place? (1 mark)

2. What did the bonfire sound like as it burned? (1 mark)

3. Find and copy two describing words (adjectives) used for the fireworks. (2 marks)

4. Why do you think Nova hooted happily at the end of the story? (2 marks)

5. If you were watching the fireworks with Nova, what would you say to her? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Nova the owl sitting in her tree watching the fireworks. Make sure to draw at least three colourful fireworks in the sky.

Extension challenge: Write two sentences of your own about Bonfire Night. Try to use at least two words from the word bank in your sentences.