

Bonfire Night Illustration Challenge

Learning objective: To understand the historical context and visual traditions of Bonfire Night in the UK by creating a descriptive, labelled scene.

Use your art materials to create a vibrant scene depicting a traditional British Bonfire Night celebration. Follow the drawing prompt below and use the word bank to label the key features of your picture.

Draw: Draw a night-time scene featuring a large, crackling bonfire in the center. In the background, draw a series of bright, colorful fireworks exploding in the sky. Include a group of children standing at a safe distance holding sparklers, creating light trails. Use bright oranges, yellows, and reds for the fire, and deep blues and purples for the night sky. Add an effigy (the Guy) sitting on top of the bonfire.



Label words: Guy Fawkes effigy · Catherine wheel · bonfire · sparkler · embers · night sky · reflection

Steps:

1. Identify one safety rule you should remember when using a sparkler and write it near your drawing.
2. Label the 'Guy' in your drawing. Why do we place an effigy on the bonfire?
3. Describe the colors you have used to represent the firework display.
4. Explain why Nova the owl might prefer to watch the fireworks from high in the trees rather than close to the bonfire.

5. If a pack of sparklers costs £2.50, calculate the total cost for 4 packs. Show your working out.