A Sparkle in the Sky: A Year 2 English Assessment

Learning objective: To demonstrate understanding of non-fiction report features, vocabulary, and creative description related to Bonfire Night.

Read the text carefully and answer the questions below. Use your best handwriting and remember to use full sentences where required.

On the fifth of November, many people in the UK celebrate Bonfire Night. It is a tradition that has been celebrated for hundreds of years. Families gather together to watch spectacular firework displays. The sky fills with dazzling colours as rockets zoom upwards, whizzing and popping with loud bangs. On the ground, people build large bonfires to keep warm. They often enjoy tasty treats like toffee apples while watching the embers glow in the dark night. It is a time for friends and neighbours to stand together and enjoy the bright lights against the night sky.

Word bank: catherine wheel · commemorate · spectacular · whizzing · tradition · embers · dazzling · history

1. According to the text, on what date do people celebrate Bonfire Night? (1 mark)

2. List two adjectives from the text that describe the fireworks. (2 marks)

3. Why do you think families build bonfires as well as watching fireworks? Use evidence from the passage. (2 marks)

4. Explain why Bonfire Night is considered a 'tradition'. Use your own knowledge and the text to help you. (3 marks)

5. Nova the owl is watching the fireworks. Write a short paragraph (3-4 sentences) describing what she sees, hears, and feels. Use at least two words from the word bank. (4 marks)

6. Imagine you are planning a small firework party for your friends. If you have £10.00, and a pack of sparklers costs £2.50, how much change would you have left? Write your answer in a full sentence. (3 marks)

7. Extended Writing Task: Write a descriptive poem or a short story (approx. 50 words) about a magical firework that has a special secret. Think about: What colour is it? What happens when it explodes? How does it make the people watching feel? (10 marks)

Draw: Draw a scene from a Bonfire Night celebration. Include a bonfire, a bright firework in the sky, and at least one of the BookFlik characters (Pip, Nova, Max, Ellie, Finn, Zara, Leo, Bea, Kit, or Rosa) enjoying the view.

Extension challenge: Greater Depth Challenge: Compare and contrast how Bonfire Night might feel to someone standing in a busy city centre versus someone standing in a quiet countryside field. Justify your answer using descriptive language. Total: /25