A Night of Sparkles and Shadows with Pip

Learning objective: To use descriptive vocabulary and artistic representation to capture the sights and sounds of Bonfire Night.

Help Pip the bookworm caterpillar capture the magic of the autumn sky! Follow the steps below to create a detailed scene, then use your imagination to add labels and descriptions.

Draw: Create an A4 landscape scene. The bottom third of the page should feature a glowing bonfire with textured, jagged flames. In the centre, draw a small silhouette of Pip standing on a twig. The top two-thirds should be a dark, night sky filled with various fireworks—some bursting into star-shapes, others trailing like weeping willows. Use bright, neon-style colours for the fireworks to contrast against the dark paper or background. Ensure there is enough empty space around the fireworks to write your labels clearly.

Label words: dazzling · shimmering · crackling · vibrant · silhouette · whizzing · glowing · twinkling

Steps:

1. Step 1: Draw a large, cosy bonfire in the centre of your page. Label the 'crackling' flames using one of your word bank words.
2. Step 2: Draw a silhouette of Pip the caterpillar watching the display. Explain why Pip might choose to wear a scarf in this scene.

3. Step 3: Add three different types of fireworks in the sky. Use labels to describe the colours you have used (e.g., 'vibrant crimson', 'shimmering gold').

4. Compare and contrast: How does the light from the bonfire look different to the light from the fireworks in the sky? Justify your description.

5. What might happen if the fireworks were silent instead of loud? Describe the atmosphere of the evening using your own creative vocabulary.

6. If you could invent a brand new firework shape that has never been seen before, what would it be? Describe it in detail.