Nova’s Sparkling Bonfire Night Quiz

Learning objective: To recall and apply knowledge of Bonfire Night history and descriptive language, suitable for Year 2 pupils working at Greater Depth.

Read the questions carefully. Use your best handwriting and check your spelling. Remember to use capital letters and full stops for your written answers.

Answer Key: 1.C, 2.True, 3.False, 4.November, 5.Parliament, 6.A, 7.A brilliant flash of golden light, 8.They were trying to stop the King, 9.It is a tradition to help us remember historical events, 10.Answers will vary (e.g., The dark sky was illuminated by a cascade of shimmering sparks).

Word bank: Guy Fawkes · Parliament · sparkler · firework · celebration · tradition · November · history

1. 1. In which month do we traditionally celebrate Bonfire Night in the UK? A) December B) October C) November* D) January (1 mark)

2. 2. True or False: Bonfire Night is a celebration that started because of a historical event many years ago. (1 mark)

3. 3. True or False: Guy Fawkes was the name of the King in 1605. (1 mark)

4. 4. What is the name of the building in London that the group wanted to protect from the plotters? (One word answer) (1 mark)

5. 5. Which word best describes a firework that makes a loud noise? A) Whizz* B) Quiet C) Soft D) Still (1 mark)

6. 6. Fill in the missing adjective to make this sentence more descriptive: 'The firework soared into the ___ night sky.' (1 mark)

7. 7. Explain why we have bonfires on this night. Why might that be significant to the history of the event? (2 marks)

8. 8. Compare and contrast: How is a modern-day firework display different from a bonfire made in the 1600s? (2 marks)

9. 9. Justify your answer: Why is it important for us to learn about historical events like the Gunpowder Plot? (2 marks)

10. 10. What might happen if we stopped celebrating Bonfire Night altogether? Give one reason for your answer. (2 marks)

Draw: Nova the owl is watching a firework display! Draw a picture of Nova perched on a branch, looking up at the sky. Add at least three different shapes of fireworks using bright, vivid colours.

Extension challenge: Write a short, descriptive poem (4-6 lines) about the sounds and sights of Bonfire Night. Use powerful verbs and adjectives, such as 'crackle', 'shimmer', 'explosive', or 'twinkling', to bring your poem to life!