A Bright Night with Nova

Learning objective: To retrieve and infer information from a non-fiction text about Bonfire Night.

Read the story about Nova the owl. Use the word bank to help you answer the questions. Write your answers in the boxes.

It is the fifth of November. Nova the owl is perched high in her tree. She looks down at the ground. Below, the people are celebrating Bonfire Night. There is a big, crackling fire in the middle of the field. It keeps everyone warm on the chilly autumn evening. Nova watches as bright colours fill the dark sky. She sees red, green, and gold fireworks popping high above. Everyone is being very careful. They stand far back from the flames to keep safe. Some children hold a metal sparkler, moving it to draw shapes in the air. Nova loves to watch the lights dance. She thinks it is a beautiful sight. It is a very loud and exciting night. Nova tucks her head under her wing and decides to watch the show until it ends. She knows it is important to stay safe near fire. The people cheer as the last firework goes up. Nova is happy that everyone had a fun and safe time under the stars.

Word bank: November · fireworks · bright · warm · safety · sparkler

1. What date is Bonfire Night? (1 mark)

2. What do the children hold to draw shapes in the air? (1 mark)

3. Why do the people stand far back from the fire? (2 marks)

4. How does Nova feel about the fireworks? Use the text to help you. (2 marks)

5. Would you like to watch fireworks? Why or why not? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Nova the owl sitting in her tree watching the colourful fireworks in the sky.

Extension challenge: Write one sentence about a rule you should follow to stay safe on Bonfire Night. Use the word 'safe' in your sentence.