Max’s Bonfire Night Brain-Teaser

Learning objective: To recall key facts about the history and traditions of Bonfire Night in the UK.

Max the monkey is helping us learn about Bonfire Night! Read the questions carefully and circle or write your answers. Good luck!

Answer Key: 1. A (1605); 2. True; 3. Guy Fawkes; 4. B (Houses of Parliament); 5. False (They are held in November); 6. Sparklers; 7. True; 8. Bonfire; 9. C (To keep warm and cook); 10. Memory.

Word bank: Guy Fawkes · 1605 · Parliament · Fireworks · Toffee apples · Sparklers · History

1. In what year did the Gunpowder Plot take place? A) 1066 B) 1605* C) 2024 D) 1945 (1 mark)

2. True or False: Bonfire Night is celebrated on the 5th of November every year. (1 mark)

3. Who was the man discovered guarding the gunpowder under the building? (1 mark)

4. Where were the plotters trying to hide the gunpowder? A) A school B) The Houses of Parliament* C) A library D) A supermarket (1 mark)

5. True or False: Bonfire Night is usually celebrated in the middle of summer. (1 mark)

6. What is the name of the handheld metal sticks that sparkle and glow when lit? (1 mark)

7. True or False: A traditional treat eaten on Bonfire Night is a toffee apple. (1 mark)

8. What do we call the large pile of wood that is set alight during the celebrations? (1 mark)

9. Why were big fires originally lit? A) To scare birds B) To bake bread C) To keep warm and celebrate* D) To charge phones (1 mark)

10. What do we call the loud, colourful explosions in the sky? (One word) (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a picture of a night sky filled with colourful fireworks and a bright bonfire. Don't forget to include Max the monkey wearing a warm scarf!

Extension challenge: Imagine you are planning a safe Bonfire Night party. Write a list of three safety rules you would tell your friends, like 'Always keep a safe distance from the fire'.