Bonfire Night: History and Safety with Leo the Lion

Learning objective: To understand the historical context of Bonfire Night and identify key safety rules for celebrating with fireworks.

Leo the Lion is helping to organise a safe community celebration. Read the statements below about the history of 5th November and how to stay safe. Decide if each statement is True or False. If you choose False, write a sentence explaining why it is incorrect.

Word bank: Guy Fawkes · Gunpowder Plot · Parliament · Safety · Sparklers · Gloves · Bucket of water · 1605

1. True or False: The Gunpowder Plot in 1605 was a plan to celebrate the King with a big party. (2 marks)

2. True or False: It is safe to hold a sparkler with your bare hands as long as you are careful. (2 marks)

3. True or False: We celebrate Bonfire Night on the 5th of November every year. (2 marks)

4. True or False: You should always keep a bucket of water or sand nearby when using fireworks. (2 marks)

5. True or False: Guy Fawkes and his group wanted to change the laws in Parliament. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a poster for Leo the Lion to display at the park. Your poster must show one important safety rule for Bonfire Night, such as 'Stand back from the bonfire' or 'Wear gloves when using sparklers'.

Extension challenge: Max the monkey is selling glow-sticks for £2.50 and hot chocolate for £1.75 at the event. If a visitor buys one of each, how much money do they spend in total? Show your maths working out.