Bonfire Night Vocabulary Mat

Learning objective: To develop a rich and varied vocabulary for descriptive writing about Bonfire Night, suitable for Class 2 pupils working at Greater Depth.

Key Vocabulary

Use this vocabulary mat to improve your descriptive writing. The words are categorised to help you choose the best language for your sentences. Use the 'Greater Depth' questions to challenge your understanding of how words create atmosphere.

Spectacular An adjective used to describe s…	**Illuminate** To light something up or make it …	**Crackling** The sharp, snapping sound made…
Vibrant Full of energy and very bright, bold …	**Whizzing** Moving very quickly through the air…	**Glimmering** Shining with a faint or unsteady …
Dazzling So bright that it is almost hard to lo…	**Smouldering** Burning slowly with smoke but…	**Cinder** A small, burnt piece of coal or wood t…
Embers The glowing, hot remains of a fire th…	**Huddle** To crowd closely together for warmth…	**Radiant** Sending out light or heat; glowing wi…
Glistening Shining with a sparkling light, oft…	**Flickering** Burning or shining unsteadily; mo…	**Blazing** Burning very strongly and brightly.
Explain why a wri…	**Compare and con…**	**Justify your ans…** Is 'dazzling' a good word …
What might happ…	**Can you justify w…**	**Describe the nigh…**