A Bright Night with Nova

Learning objective: To retrieve information from a text and make simple inferences about Bonfire Night.

Read the story below carefully. Use the word bank to help you understand the tricky words. Answer the questions in full sentences.

It is a chilly November evening. Nova the owl sits high in a tree, watching the sky. Below, the garden is glowing with light. It is Bonfire Night! A tall bonfire crackles and pops, sending golden sparks dancing into the dark air. Nova sees a family standing a safe distance away. They are wearing thick coats, woolly hats, and gloves to stay warm. One child holds a bright sparkler, drawing glowing shapes in the air. The smell of woodsmoke and sweet toffee apples fills the garden. The family talks about why they celebrate this night. They remember the history of the Fifth of November. Nova thinks the colours in the sky are just like the bright stars she watches every night. Everything feels quiet and magical. The family shares a warm drink and watches the sky turn into a canvas of red, green, and blue. Nova spreads her wings, happy to see the world so bright on a cold autumn night.

Word bank: Bonfire: A large outdoor fire. · Sparkler: A handheld firework that glows. · Toffee: A sweet, chewy treat. · Remember: To keep something in your mind.

1. What is the name of the night the family is celebrating? (2 marks)

2. What are two things the family is wearing to keep warm? (2 marks)

3. How do you know that the family is being careful near the fire? (2 marks)

4. Why might Nova enjoy watching the fireworks? (2 marks)

5. Would you like to go to a bonfire? Explain why using one reason from the text. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of the bonfire and the bright sparks dancing in the dark sky.

Extension challenge: Write two sentences about what your favourite part of Bonfire Night would be.