Bonfire Night with Nova and Leo

Learning objective: To understand the historical and cultural significance of Bonfire Night and represent these concepts through visual communication and labelling.

Follow the drawing prompt to create your own Bonfire Night scene. Use the word bank to label your picture, and answer the reflection questions below to show your deeper understanding of this traditional event.

Draw: Draw a nighttime scene featuring a large, crackling bonfire in the centre. Include Nova the owl perched on a branch looking at the sky, and Leo the lion standing safely at a distance holding a sparkler. Surround the sky with vibrant, colourful fireworks. Use bright colours like orange, gold, and crimson for the fire, and deep blues and purples for the night sky.

Label words: bonfire · fireworks · Guy Fawkes · sparkler · embers · Parliament · tradition

Steps:

1. Explain why we light bonfires on the 5th of November. What is the historical event we are remembering?
2. Compare and contrast the appearance of a Catherine wheel and a rocket. How would you draw them differently?
3. Justify your answer: Why is it important for us to follow strict safety rules when using sparklers?
4. What might happen if the Gunpowder Plot had been successful? Consider the impact on the Houses of

Parliament.