Bonfire Night with Nova and Leo

Learning objective: To understand the historical origins of Bonfire Night and identify why it is celebrated in the UK today.

Read each question carefully and use your knowledge of Bonfire Night to write your answers. Think about the history and the safety rules we follow.

Word bank: Guy Fawkes · Parliament · Plot · Safety · Celebration · History · Fireworks · Gunpowder

1. Nova the owl wants to know about history. Who was the person involved in the Gunpowder Plot in 1605, and what was he trying to do? (2 marks)

2. Leo the lion is planning a community event. Name two ways you can stay safe when watching fireworks on the 5th of November. (2 marks)

3. Why do people in the UK light bonfires and set off fireworks every year on this date? (2 marks)

4. If a box of sparklers costs £2.50 and a bag of toffee apples costs £1.50, how much money would you need to buy both items? (2 marks)

5. Imagine you are explaining Bonfire Night to a friend. Write one sentence to describe what 'The Gunpowder Plot' was. (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a picture of a safe bonfire display. Include Nova the owl wearing a high-visibility vest and Leo the lion standing a safe distance away from the fire.

Extension challenge: Research one other historical event that we celebrate in the UK. Write three sentences about why we remember that day.