

A Bright Night with Nova

Learning objective: To retrieve and infer information from a non-fiction text about Bonfire Night.

Read the short story about Nova the owl below. Use the word bank to help you understand the tricky words. Answer the questions in the boxes provided.

It is the 5th of November. Nova the owl sits high in her tree. She looks down at the village below. Everyone is celebrating Bonfire Night. There is a large bonfire in the middle of the field. It glows with bright orange and red flames. The air smells like woodsmoke and toasted marshmallows.

Suddenly, the sky lights up! Loud bangs and bright colours fill the dark night. People watch the fireworks sparkle in the sky. They see shapes like stars and flowers. This night is part of our history. Long ago, people started lighting fires to remember the Gunpowder Plot.

Nova feels safe in her high branch. She watches the families wearing thick coats, scarves, and gloves to stay warm. A child holds a glowing sparkler and draws circles in the air. Nova loves to see the night sky look so beautiful. She knows that being safe around the fire is very important. Everyone is having a lovely time together in the cool autumn air.

Word bank: Bonfire · Fireworks · History · Sparkle · Safety

1. What date is Bonfire Night celebrated on? (1 mark) (1 mark)

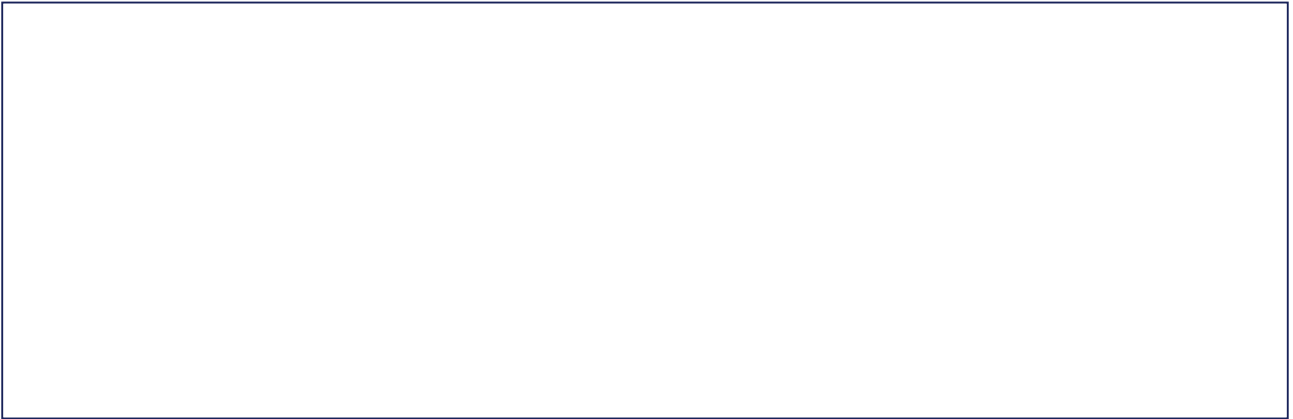
2. Name two things people are wearing to stay warm in the story. (2 marks) (2 marks)

3. How do you think the people in the village feel? Use a word from the text to help you. (2 marks) (2 marks)

4. Why is it important to be careful around the bonfire? (2 marks) (2 marks)

5. Do you like watching fireworks? Why or why not? (1 mark) (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a picture of the colourful fireworks Nova sees in the night sky above the bonfire.



Extension challenge: Write a sentence describing what a firework sounds like. Use an adjective to help describe the sound.