Bonfire Night: History and Safety

Learning objective: To understand the origins of Bonfire Night and identify key safety rules for a celebration.

Look at the list of sentences below. Some are true facts about why we celebrate on 5th November, and some are important safety rules. Decide if each statement is 'True' or 'False'. If it is False, rewrite it to make it a true sentence.

Word bank: Guy Fawkes · Parliament · Safety · Sparklers · Gloves · Bucket of water · November

1. 1. We celebrate Bonfire Night because Guy Fawkes tried to protect the Houses of Parliament. (True/False?) If false, explain why. (2 marks)

2. 2. It is safe to hold a sparkler with your bare hands. (True/False?) If false, explain what you should wear. (2 marks)

3. 3. You should always keep a bucket of water or sand nearby when using fireworks. (True/False?) If false, explain why. (2 marks)

4. 4. Bonfire Night is celebrated on the 5th of November every year. (True/False?) If false, explain why. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Max the monkey standing a safe distance away from a bonfire, wearing a warm scarf and gloves.

Extension challenge: Write two safety tips for your friends to follow when they go to a fireworks display.