Bonfire Night with Nova the Owl

Learning objective: To understand the historical origins and the traditions of Bonfire Night in the UK.

Read each question carefully. Use the word bank to help you write your answers. Write in full sentences where you can.

Word bank: Guy Fawkes · Parliament · 1605 · Gunpowder Plot · Fireworks · Bonfire · King James I · Safety

1. Nova the Owl wants to know: In what year did the Gunpowder Plot take place? (1 mark)

2. Who was the main person involved in the plan to blow up the Houses of Parliament? (1 mark)

3. Why do people light bonfires and set off fireworks on the 5th of November today? (2 marks)

4. List two important safety rules you should follow when watching a firework display. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Nova the Owl watching a colourful firework display in the night sky. Remember to draw a bonfire safely away from the trees!

Extension challenge: Imagine you are a reporter in 1605. Write one sentence to tell the King what happened at the Houses of Parliament.