A Sparkly Night with Leo the Lion

Learning objective: To use descriptive language and adjectives to write about the sensory experience of Bonfire Night.

Read the story below about Leo the Lion's evening. Use the word bank to help you answer the questions. Make sure to use capital letters and full stops in your sentences.

On the fifth of November, the crisp fall air was filled with excitement. Leo the Lion sat on a wooden bench, wrapped in a thick, woolly scarf. Above him, the night sky transformed into a giant canvas of color. A rocket soared upwards, leaving a trail of shimmering stardust before exploding into a dazzling display of golden sparks. Leo listened carefully to the rhythmic crackling of the bonfire nearby. The vibrant flames danced and twisted, casting a gentle glow on the faces of his friends. It was a spectacular sight that made the dark night feel alive with magic.

Word bank: dazzling · crackling · whizzing · golden · vibrant · shimmering · spectacular · warmth

1. Find and copy two adjectives from the text that describe the fireworks. (2 marks)

2. Why was Leo wearing a thick, woolly scarf? Use evidence from the text to support your answer. (3 marks)

3. How does the author describe the sound of the bonfire? Explain why this is an effective choice of word. (3 marks)

4. Compare the firework's movement to the bonfire's movement. How are they different? (3 marks)

5. Justify your answer: Is the atmosphere of the story calm or chaotic? Use words from the passage to justify your choice. (3 marks)

Draw: Draw a scene from Leo’s night, focusing on the contrast between the dark, night sky and the bright, vibrant colors of the fireworks and bonfire.

Extension challenge: Imagine you are writing a poem about Bonfire Night. What might happen if the fireworks could speak? Write three lines of poetry using at least two adjectives from the word bank to describe their voices.