The History and Science of Bonfire Night

Join Leo the Lion and Nova the Owl for a sparkling journey through history and light!

- **Bonfire Night, held on 5th November, commemorates the failure of the Gunpowder Plot in 1605, where a group attempted to blow up the Houses of Parliament.**
- **Guy Fawkes was the man discovered guarding the gunpowder beneath the House of Lords, which is why the night is sometimes called Guy Fawkes Night.**
- **Traditionally, people build large bonfires to represent the fires that would have been lit to celebrate the King's safety after the plot was stopped.**
- **Fireworks are made using a chemical reaction called combustion, which releases light, heat, and sound energy very quickly.**
- **Safety is essential; always stand well back from bonfires and follow the Firework Code to ensure everyone stays safe during the celebrations.**

Did you know? Did you know? The vibrant colors you see in a firework display are created by different metal salts! For example, copper salts create blue sparks, while strontium salts produce brilliant red flames. It is chemistry in the night sky!

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