A Night of Sparkles: Writing about Bonfire Night

Learning objective: To write a descriptive recount of a Bonfire Night celebration using sensory language, expanded noun phrases, and appropriate conjunctions.

Use the prompts below to structure your recount. Think about what you saw, heard, and felt during the evening. Use the word bank to help make your sentences more exciting.

The night air was crisp and chilly, but the sky above was about to be transformed into a canvas of brilliant light.

Word bank: dazzling · sizzling · whizzing · glowing · vibrant · crackling · meanwhile · consequently · suddenly · as a result · shimmering · spectacular

1. The Arrival: Describe your arrival at the bonfire site. Who were you with and what could you see as you approached the field? Start with: As we arrived at the event, I could see... (2 marks)

2. The Bonfire: Use your senses to describe the bonfire. How did the flames look and move? What did you smell in the air? Start with: In the center of the field, a magnificent bonfire was... (3 marks)

3. The Fireworks: Describe the display. How would you describe the shapes and colors of the fireworks? Start with: Suddenly, the sky erupted as a shower of... (3 marks)

4. The Atmosphere: Max the monkey is curious about how the crowd felt. Explain why people gather together to watch these displays. Start with: The atmosphere was filled with excitement because... (3 marks)

5. Reflective Conclusion: Compare and contrast the dark night sky with the bright fireworks. How did the evening make you feel? Start with: Although the night was dark, the display made me feel... (2 marks)

6. Critical Thinking: Justify your answer: Why is it important to follow safety rules when attending a bonfire event? What might happen if people did not listen to the organizers? (4 marks)

Extension challenge: Nova the owl is writing a poem about the night. Can you write a four-line poem using alliteration to describe the sounds of the fireworks? For example: 'Whizzing, whistling, wonderful white sparks'.