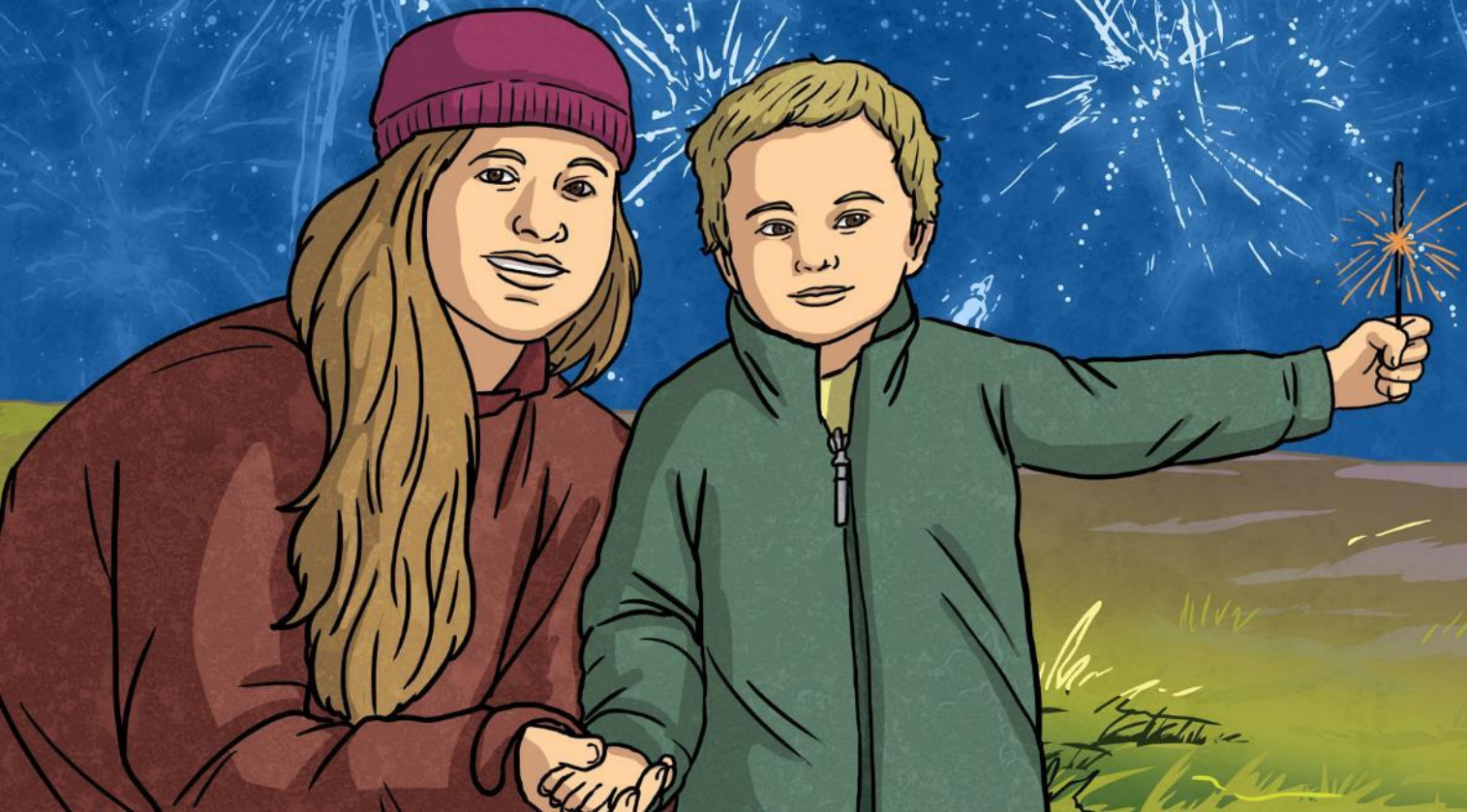


Bonfire Night Safety



The History of Bonfire Night

Bonfire Night is celebrated every year on the 5th November across Great Britain. It is sometimes called different names but they are all celebrating the same event in history.

Bonfire Night

Guy Fawkes

Firework Night



Guy Fawkes and his group put 36 barrels of gunpowder in the cellars of the Houses of Parliament on the 5th of November and waited to put the plan in action. The plan was uncovered by some of the king's followers. Guy Fawkes and his co-conspirators were found, arrested and executed for treason.

On 5th November 1605, a man called Guy Fawkes and a group of plotters attempted to blow up the Houses of Parliament in London. His target was King James I and the British Government. With King James I on the throne, England was a Protestant country but Guy Fawkes and his plotters were Catholic. The plan was to kill King James I and put a Catholic on the throne. The King decided to commemorate the failed plot every year on the 5th November. In commemoration of the failure of the Gunpowder Plot, every year we light fireworks, burn bonfires and put a model of Guy Fawkes on top. So, remember, remember the 5th of November! Gunpowder, treason and plot!



How Do People Celebrate Bonfire Night?



Firework displays



Bonfires



Sparklers



Home fireworks



Guy Fawkes on the bonfire



Eating special foods

Time to Talk

Bonfire Night can be a lot of fun, but many of the ways people choose to celebrate also include potential dangers.

Think of how people celebrate Bonfire Night. With your partner, create a list of the different dangers or hazards that people might come across on Bonfire Night.

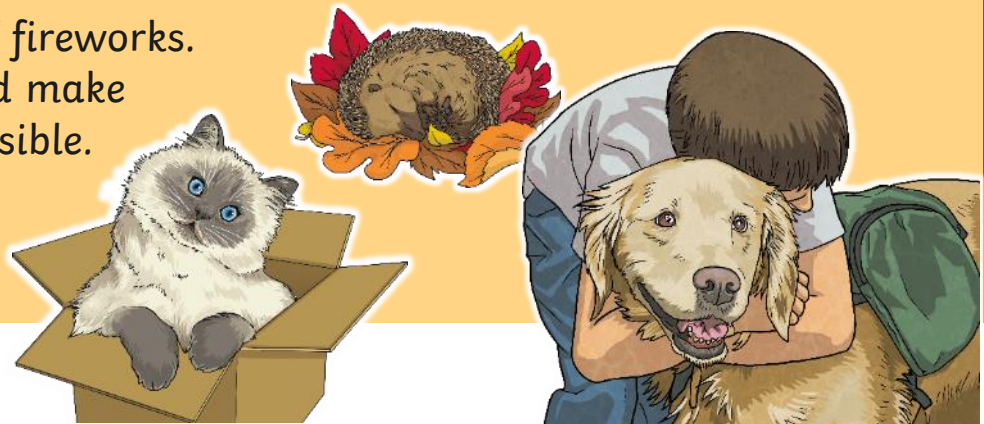
Fireworks



Fireworks are great fun, but need to be dealt with safely. Fireworks should only ever be handled by adults. They should be stored in a closed box or tin in a safe space away from animals and young children.

- Whether at home or at a big display you should always stand back leaving a safe distance.
- Never approach a lit firework. Even if you think it isn't working, it could explode at any time.

- Animals are often scared of fireworks. Always keep pets inside and make them as comfortable as possible.



Fireworks



- If using fireworks at home, have a torch, gloves, buckets of water and buckets of earth ready.

- Never put fireworks in your pocket or throw them. This can be extremely dangerous.

- Large firework displays can be dark and busy, so make sure you stay with your group at all times.



Sparklers

Did You Know...?

Sparklers can burn at up to 1600°C!

Many people choose to use sparklers on Bonfire Night. A sparkler is a special type of handheld firework. They let out a bright light at the end whilst releasing sparks. As with all fireworks, sparklers are a lot of fun but need to be handled safely.

- Wear gloves when handling a sparkler and hold them at arm's length.
- Always keep a distance from others and make sure you are not close to anything.

- Sparklers must always be used under adult supervision.

- Sparklers must only ever be used outside.

- Never run with a sparkler or wave them near others.

- Put used sparklers in a bucket once they go out.



Bonfires

Large firework displays are often followed by a bonfire. Some people also choose to have bonfires at home in their own gardens.

- Sparklers must only ever be used outside.
- Check for wildlife such as hedgehogs before lighting your bonfire.
- Always keep a bucket of water or a hosepipe nearby, just in case.



Time to Talk



Think about all the safety tips you have learnt so far. What do you think are the three most important safety rules for Bonfire Night?



Fire Safety

What should you do in the event of a fire?

In the case of a fire, get out and stay out. During a fire, always remember to stay low on the floor. Get down on all fours and crawl to the nearest exit.



Never try to take anything with you or try to return to the building. If you know somebody is inside, then share this immediately with the firefighters. Do not return to look for them.



Fire Safety

What should you do in the event of a fire?

As soon as you are as safe as you can be, make an emergency 999 call. After dialling 999, the operator will ask you which service you require. Ask for the fire brigade. Try to give as much information as you can, including the address. If you don't know your home postcode, learn it.



Burns

Even if you are careful, accidents can sometimes still happen. Sometimes people suffer burns on Bonfire Night, so it is important that you know what to do.

What is a burn?

A burn is an injury caused by heat or a flame.

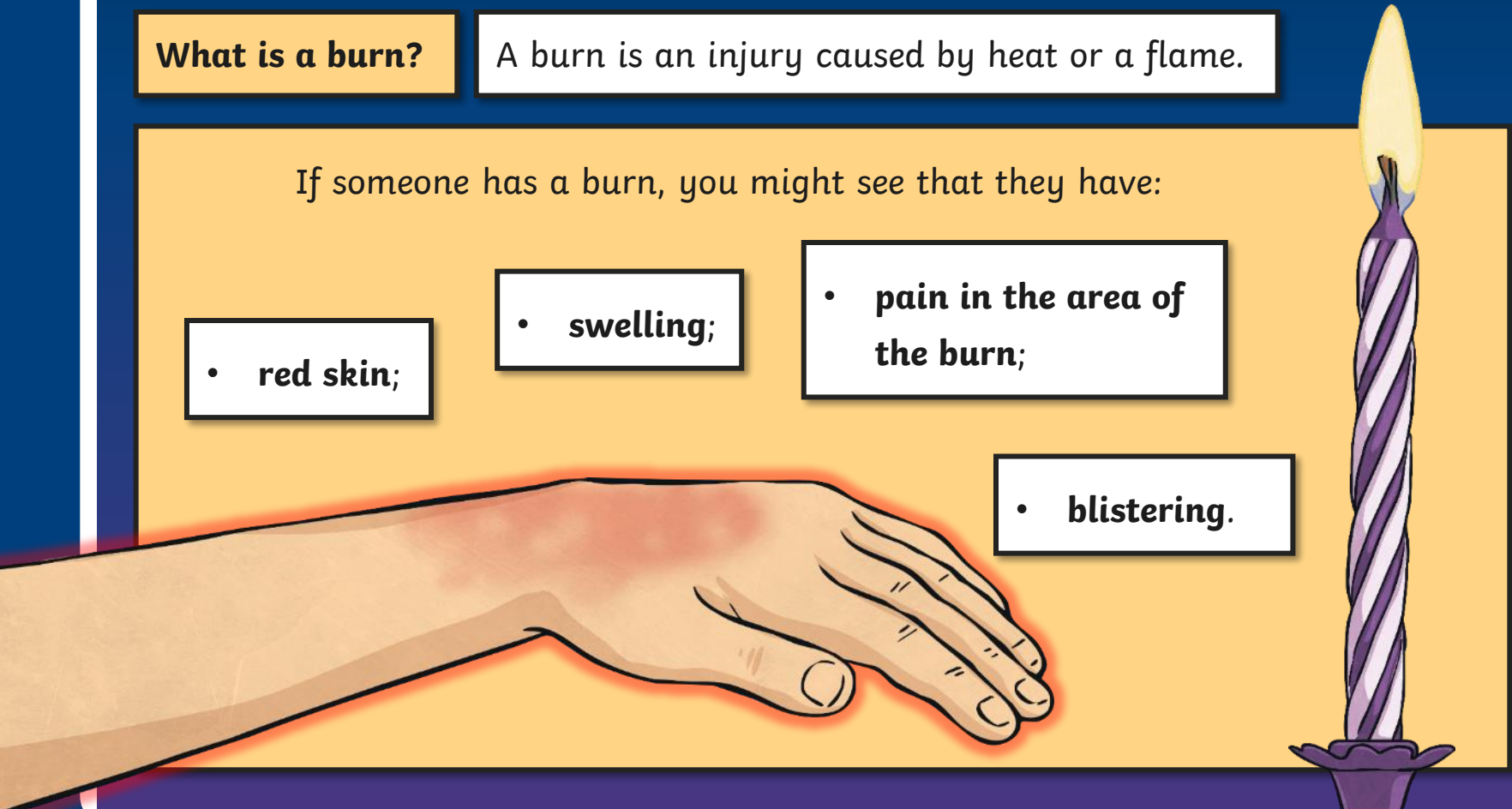
If someone has a burn, you might see that they have:

- red skin;

- swelling;

- pain in the area of the burn;

- blistering.



Burns

The longer the burning goes on, the more severe the injury will be.

If somebody gets burnt, tell an adult immediately and ask for help.

Your main focus should be to cool the burn as quickly as possible. Start cooling the burn using cool running water.

If the burn is severe, then seek medical help as soon as possible.



Have Fun!

A woman with long blonde hair, wearing a brown jacket and a purple beanie, stands next to a young boy with blonde hair wearing a green jacket. The boy is holding a lit sparkler. They are both smiling. The background is a dark night sky filled with colorful fireworks in shades of orange, yellow, and blue.

Celebrating Bonfire Night can be lots of fun, but you need to remember to keep safe. Follow the important rules you have learnt today to ensure you and everyone around you stays safe.

Turn to your partner, give them three tips for keeping safe on Bonfire Night.

What safety tips will you share with your family?

Remember, have fun and keep safe!

