

Sparks in the Sky

Guided Reading

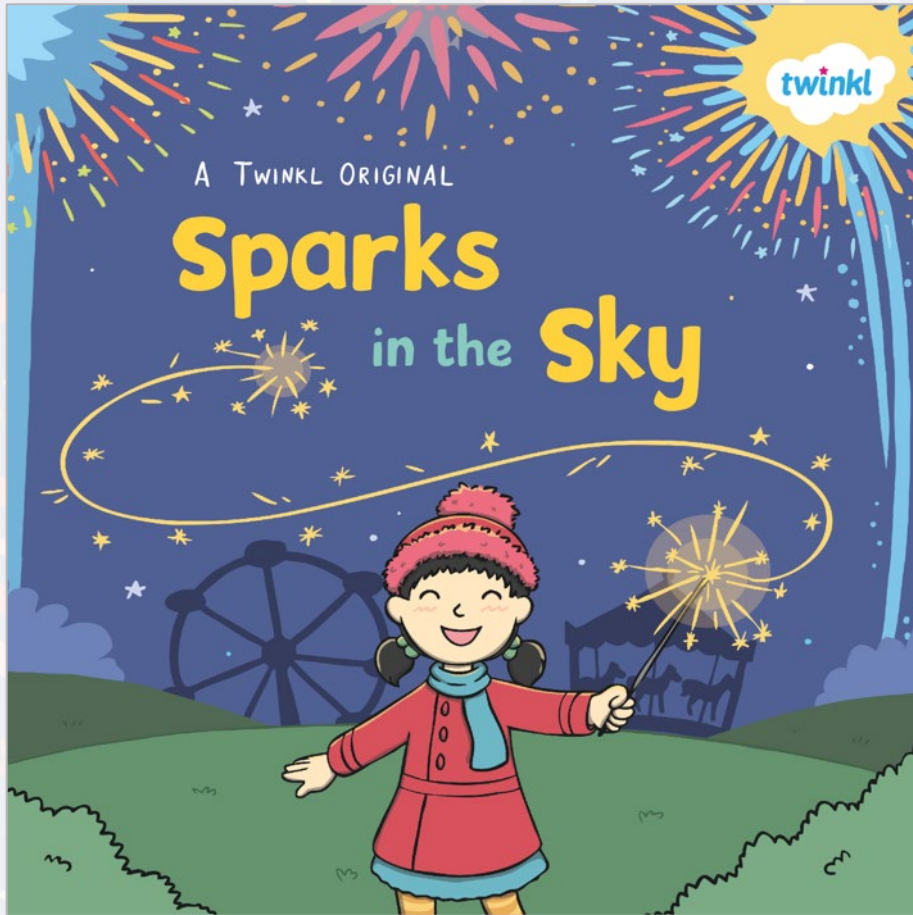


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Read the book 'Sparks in the Sky'
and look at the illustrations.

To see a question about the book,
click this button:





What do you think this book is going to be about?



Do you think it is fiction or non-fiction?



What is the girl holding?



**Bo is excited to see
her first fireworks.**

“They shot up into the air,
exploding one after the other...”

Join Bo as she enjoys the sights, sounds and
smells of Bonfire Night with her big brother, Leo.
A heartwarming tale to celebrate this magical night.

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Why is Bo excited?

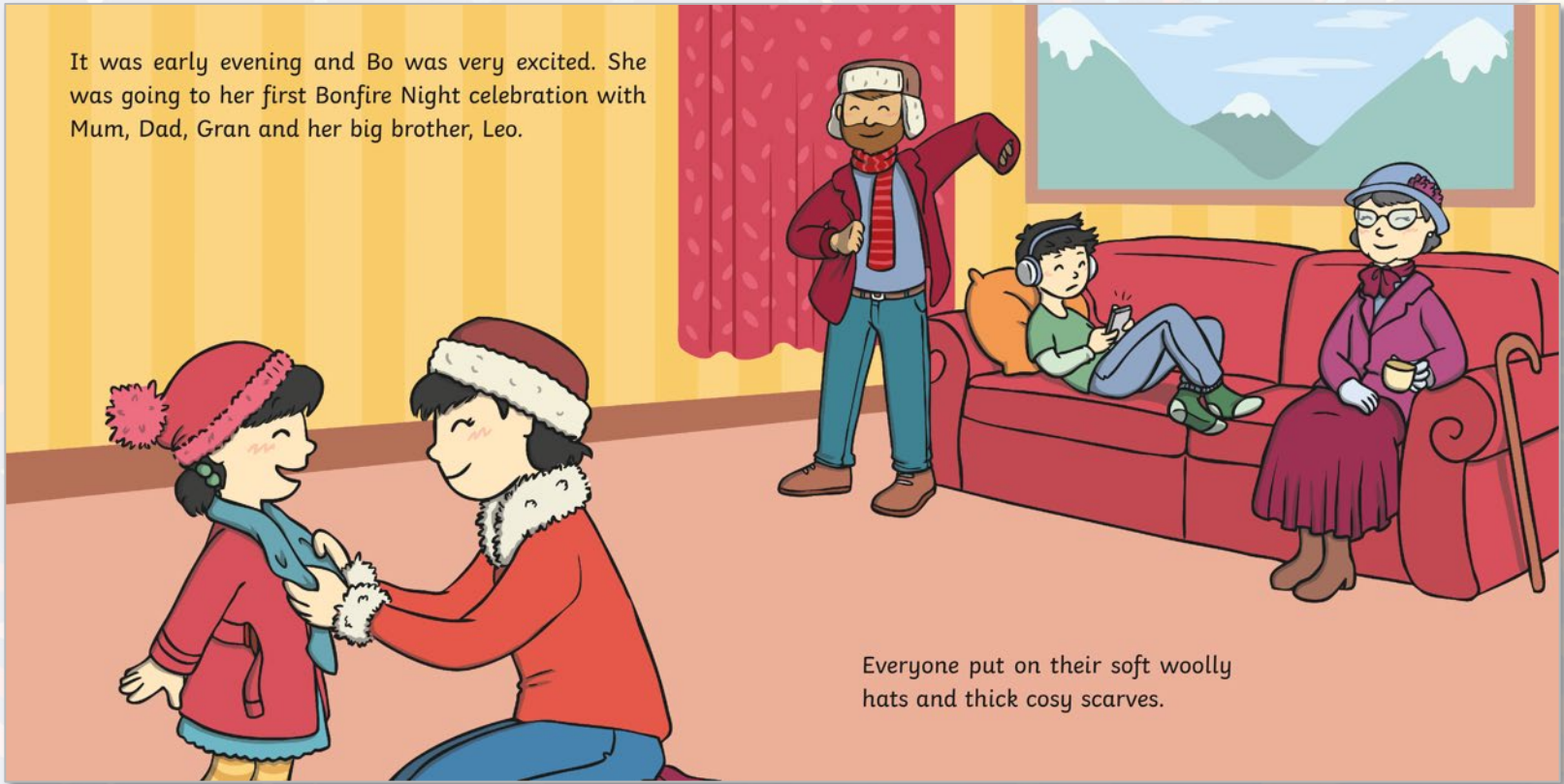


What is Bonfire
Night?



Have you ever seen
fireworks before?

It was early evening and Bo was very excited. She was going to her first Bonfire Night celebration with Mum, Dad, Gran and her big brother, Leo.



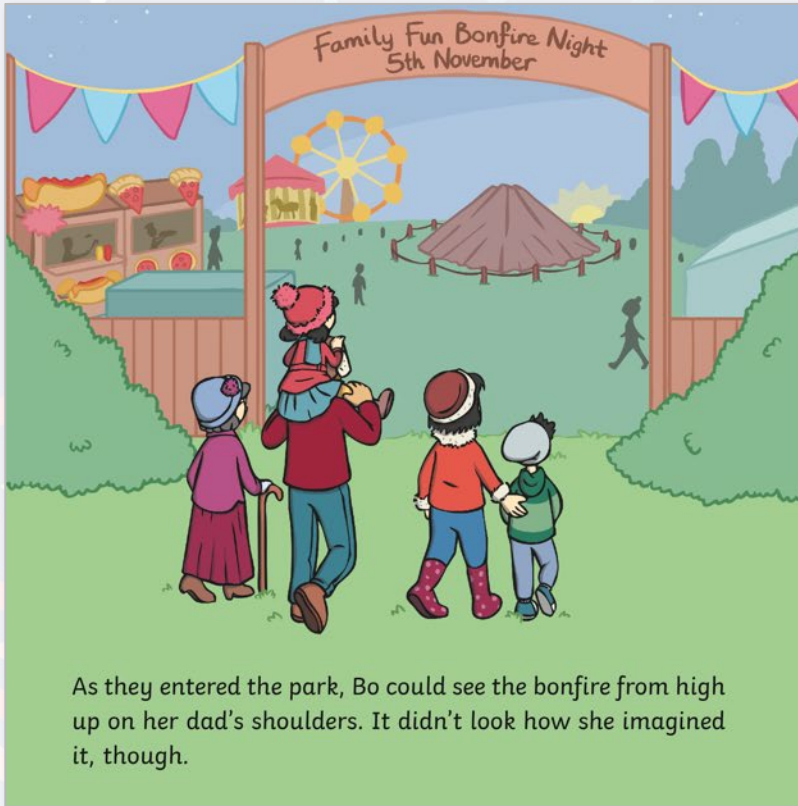
Everyone put on their soft woolly hats and thick cosy scarves.



What is a celebration?



Why do the family need to put on hats and scarves?



As they entered the park, Bo could see the bonfire from high up on her dad's shoulders. It didn't look how she imagined it, though.



"They'll light it later, when it gets dark," Dad explained.



What do you think Bo had imagined the bonfire would look like?



When will it get dark?

Once they had walked through the gates, Bo could smell the delicious, smoky scent of barbecue in the air. Everyone's tummies were rumbling loudly.



"Can we get a hot dog, Mum? Please?"
Bo asked eagerly.

Leo took a bite of his hot dog and a large splodge of ketchup dripped down and splattered on his favourite trainers.

He looked even grumpier than usual!



Why do you think everyone's tummies are rumbling?



What has happened to Leo's shoe?

After they'd finished their hot dogs, it was time for the fairground rides.



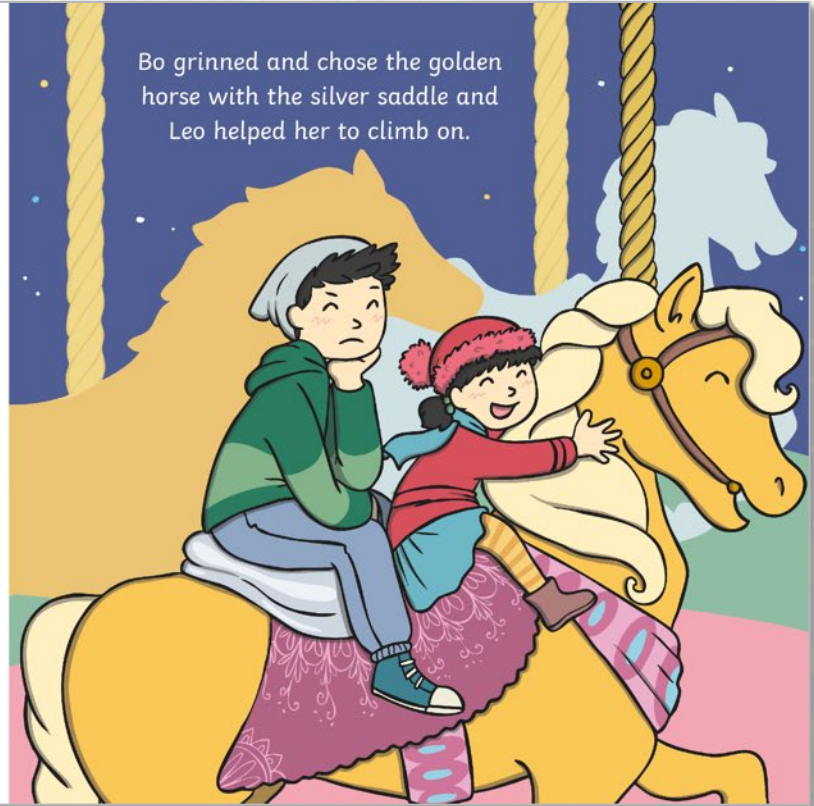
Everything was so colourful and noisy. Bo couldn't decide what to go on first!



Leo wanted to ride the rollercoaster but Bo grabbed his hand and dragged him towards the carousel.



Bo grinned and chose the golden horse with the silver saddle and Leo helped her to climb on.



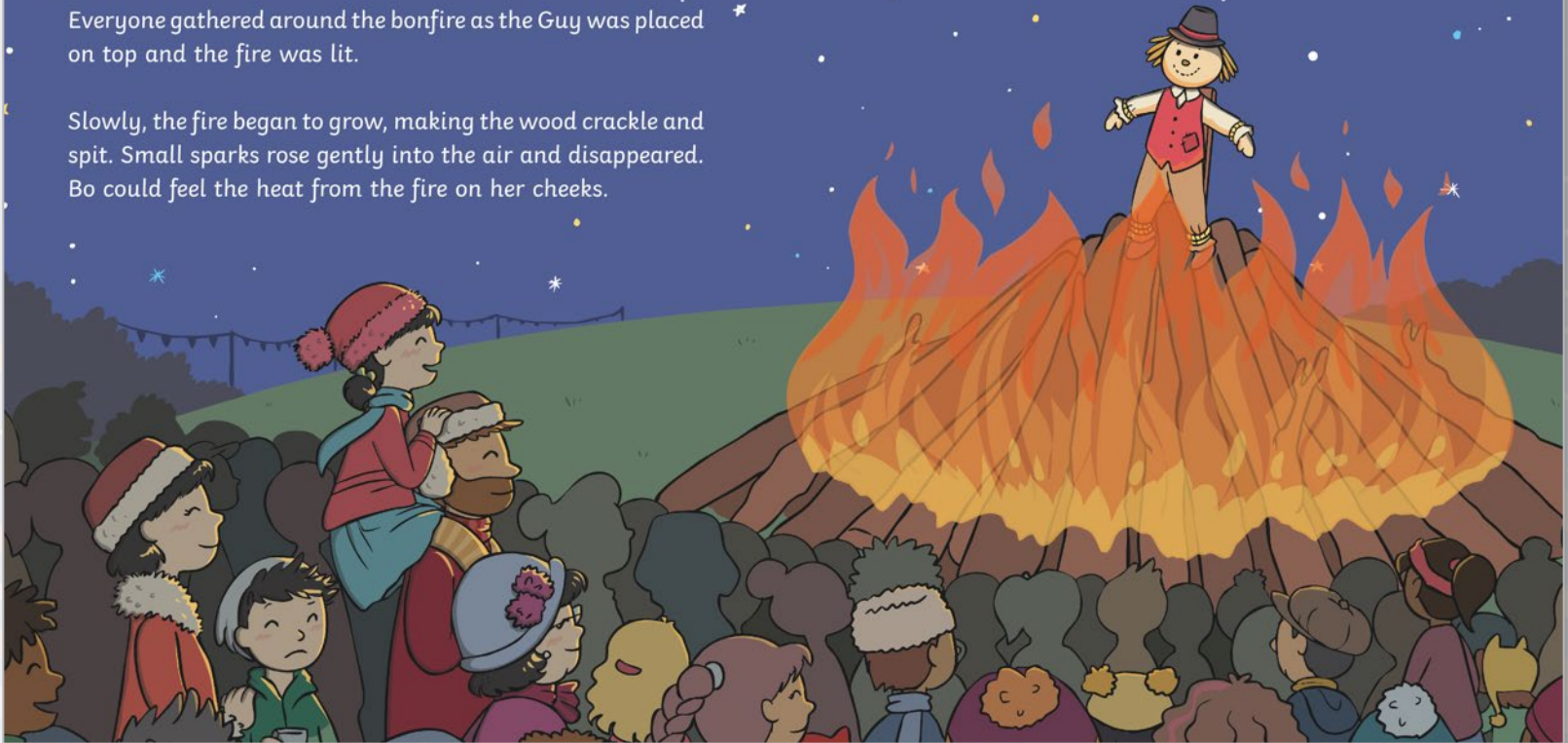
Who chooses to go on the carousel?



Do you think Leo is enjoying the ride?

Everyone gathered around the bonfire as the Guy was placed on top and the fire was lit.

Slowly, the fire began to grow, making the wood crackle and spit. Small sparks rose gently into the air and disappeared. Bo could feel the heat from the fire on her cheeks.



What is a Guy?

Mum bought sparklers and told Leo and Bo to put their gloves on. Carefully, Mum lit the sparklers.



Bo twirled her hand excitedly, making swirling patterns in the air and writing her name.

It was so much fun watching the golden sparkles appear and then disappear.



Why does Mum light the sparklers?



What does Bo do with her sparkler?

Bo looked at Leo and noticed his sparkler hadn't lit. Once her sparkler was finished, she placed it into the bucket of sand and asked Mum for a new one.



She handed it to Leo and asked Mum to light it.



Leo twirled his sparkler slowly and Bo thought she almost saw him smile.



Why do you think Bo puts her old sparkler into the sand?



Why does Bo give the new sparkler to Leo?

Finally, it was time to see some fireworks! Bo watched as the Catherine wheel was nailed to a wooden post.



Once lit, it twinkled and flickered as it spun faster and faster, becoming a dazzling blur.



What is the man with the hammer doing?



What is a 'blur'?

Everyone waited as the rockets were lit, one at a time. The man made sure to stand well back between lighting each one.



The rockets raced into the air and erupted with a bang in a shower of sparks.



What does the man do to stay safe?



What does 'erupted' mean?

The best fireworks had been saved for the finale. They shot up into the air, exploding one after the other. Some crackled, some crashed loudly, while others popped.



The sparks shot in all directions, painting multicoloured patterns on the night sky.



What noises do the fireworks make?



What colours can you see in the sky?

Bo looked at Leo. He was staring up at the fireworks and she saw that he was finally smiling.



She gently took his hand and they stood together as the last firework dashed into the sky with a whoosh.



What is making Leo smile?



Do you think that Bo has enjoyed Bonfire Night?



"I love Bonfire Night," said Bo giddily.
"Can we do this every day?"

"I'm afraid you'll have to wait until
the 5th of November next year!" said
Leo, chuckling as they walked home.



What does 'giddily'
mean?



Why does Leo laugh at
Bo's question?



Who is the main character in this story?



Bo



Leo



Gran



What special event are the family celebrating?





Which of these events happens first?



Which of these events happens last?



How does Leo's mood change throughout the evening?

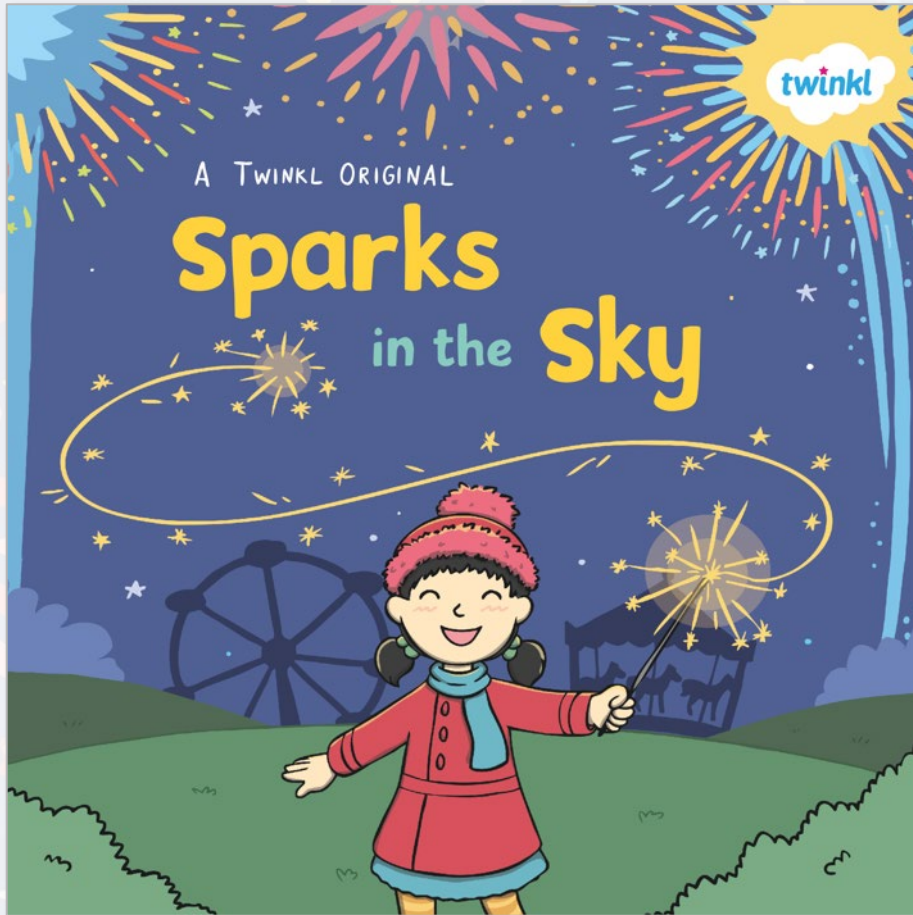


Why do you think his mood changes towards the end of the night?



Fireworks are used in lots of celebrations. Can you think of another event where you might see fireworks?





Did you enjoy this story?



What was your favourite part of the book?



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