

Bonfire Night displays

Explore the excitement of Bonfire Night and fireworks, whilst promoting fire-safety messages, by creating a Bonfire Night display at your childcare setting.

Learning aims

- Learn about Bonfire Night and fireworks
- Fire safety

Resources

- Black paper or card
- Bright coloured or fluorescent paint
- Old/used tea bags
- Paint brushes
- Toothbrushes
- Sticks/twigs
- Glue
- Straws
- Photos and images of firework displays.



Activity Outline

- Talk to the children about the photos and images of firework displays
- The photos may inspire some ideas for the children to use in their pictures
- Remember that some children may not have had first-hand experiences of fireworks
- Get creative using the brightly coloured paints and make a bonfire and/or firework picture
- Perhaps you could use twigs and sticks to make a bonfire picture
- Old teabags dipped in paint (or a watered down paint solution) are great to drop into the picture to create firework patterns and splats
- Splattering paint with paintbrushes and toothbrushes will add extra special effects
- Use the straws to blow any clumps/excess paint around your picture.

Extension activity

- Make a team-effort giant picture for a display
- Extend your creative experience and talk about bonfire and firework safety with the children
- Share the firework code and tips for staying safe with parents/carers e.g. use torches or luminous glow sticks and keep children away from the fire, flames and fireworks.

Working with babies

- Squirt two or three different colours of poster paints into plastic zipped document folders and then zip them up
- Model using your fingers or hands on the outside of the folders to manipulate the paint in the folders – what does it feel like? Mix the paint together to make patterns or a different colour
- Use edible paints on a table top, on trays or a tuff spot tray and let the children explore the paint and mark-make – risk assessing for allergies and constant supervision will be required.