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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 the 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 or excess paint around your picture.

Extension activity

- Make a team effort giant picture for display
- Extend your creative experience by talking about bonfire and firework safety with the children

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- 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 and explore what it feels 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.