

**Chat,
Play,
Share**

I'm a Little Firework

I'm a little firework,
And I can't wait to fly,
Up into the atmosphere,
And light up the sky.
Watch me and you'll see,
My colours, red, blue, green.
I'm sure I'm the brightest
firework,
That you have ever seen!

This song can be sung to the tune of 'I'm a little teapot'.

Younger Children

Sing the song to your baby as you hold them in your arms. Lift them up into the air as you sing 'up into the atmosphere' and hold them close in front of you when you sing 'watch me and you'll see'. Cuddle them in close as you reach the end of the song.

Play 'peek-a-boo', but each time jump up and say 'pop' or 'whee' like a firework, instead of 'boo'.

Enjoy singing the song with your child and make up your own actions. You could jump up and pretend to fly around the room like the firework.

Older Children

If you slow down singing the song as you name the colours, see if your child can find something in the room to point to or collect that is the same colour.

Watch a clip of fireworks with your child on-line (check it first). Try to replicate a firework display together with your voices by making lots of sounds and words which describe the sounds. (Bang, whizz, whee, pop, whirr, sparkle, zoom etc). Your child may not be able to think of words themselves but will be able to copy you. Try varying the speed and volume.

Chat Play Share...Other ideas you could try....

Share a story together about fireworks or bonfire night. Chat about the pictures and story. Examples of stories:

- Remember remember the fifth of November by Deborah Webb
- The night journey by Paul Dowling
- Poppy cat's sparkly night by Lara Jones
- Billy's fireworks night by Pamela Malcolm

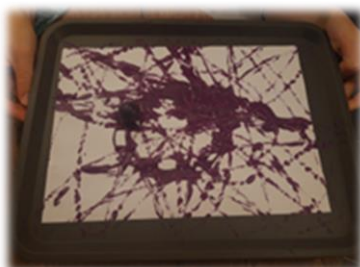


For older children: If you have had the opportunity to take your child to an organised firework display talk about your memories of this. Can you remember what it looked like, sounded like, smelt felt, felt like? Do you remember any tastes connected to the event? Encourage your child to share what they remember too.

Firework painting activity

What you will need: A tray or old baking tray, a marble or small ball, some ready mixed paint, paper.

Place a piece of paper on the tray and squirt on a large circle of paint. Give the tray to your child to hold (or hold it together). Show them how to tip it gently from side to side and back to front so the marble rolls backwards and forwards through the paint. Gradually it will start to look like an exploding firework. Another colour paint can be added on top if you like. Model lots of words to describe fireworks as your child moves the tray or they could make firework sounds!



Older children may enjoy finding out about bonfire night/ Guy Fawkes traditions with you or you could find out a little about other celebrations where fireworks are used and share this information with your child. Talk about how different people celebrate different events and use key words associated with the event. Children often like to learn new/long words!