



Year 2 – Autumn 2 – Flames and Fireworks

The Gunpowder Plot

In this unit we will be learning about Guy Fawkes and the plot to blow up the Houses of Parliament. We will be looking at the meaning behind Bonfire Night and why the plotters wanted to kill the King.

History

Key Questions

- Who is King James I?
- Who was Guy Fawkes?
- What is a timeline?
- What are the events of the Gunpowder Plot?
- What is the meaning behind Bonfire Night?

Key Vocabulary:

parliament

A group of people who have been elected to ensure the government is listening to other people's views



Catholic

Christians who follow the Catholic Church, led by the Pope (the largest branch of Christianity)



Protestant

Christians who follow the Protestant Church (the second largest branch of Christianity)



treason

A plot against the King or Queen



government

A group of people who make and administer the rules of a country.



Timeline

1603 – James I is crowned King of England

1604 – Robert Catesby shares his plan with his conspirators to blow up Parliament – he asks Guy Fawkes, an expert in gunpowder, to help.

July 1605 – The men hide 36 barrels of gunpowder in a cellar under the Houses of Parliament

October 1605 – Lord Monteagle receives a letter warning him not to go to the Houses of Parliament on the 5th November – he tells the King's men.

November 1605 – Guy Fawkes is found with the gunpowder and arrested

1606 – Guy Fawkes is executed

Home Learning Suggestions

- Research and create a fact file about one of the important historical figures involved in the Gunpowder Plot
- Create a piece of artwork linked to Bonfire Night
- Write a short narrative retelling the story of the Gunpowder Plot – you might want to pretend to be Guy Fawkes or King James I