



History

Year 1

Strand: Guy Fawkes & the Gunpowder plot

What should I already know?

To be able to talk about past and present events in their own lives and in the lives of family members.

Show curiosity about people, special places, events and special objects.

Important facts

What was the Gunpowder Plot?

The Gunpowder Plot was a plot to kill King James I and his government by blowing up the Houses of Parliament.

Who was involved in the plot?

Robert Catesby, Guy Fawkes, Thomas Percy, and five of their friends were involved.

Why were they plotting?

Under the rule of James I, Catholics were treated unfairly. The plotters were all Catholic and wanted King James removed from the throne.

How was the plot stopped?

A letter was sent to Lord Monteagle, who was due to go to the Houses of Parliament, warning him of the plot. He told the king, who sent guards to search the cellars. They found Guy Fawkes and gunpowder.

Why do we celebrate Bonfire Night?

King James I ordered that people should celebrate his survival on the 5th November. To this day, people still light bonfires and burn 'guys' (puppets made of straw, named after Guy Fawkes) to celebrate.

Vocabulary

The Gunpowder Plot – A plot to blow up the Houses of Parliament to kill King James I and his government.

Catholics – Members of the catholic church.

Protestants – Christians who are not Catholic.

Houses of Parliament – The building in London where the government works.

Gunpowder – An explosive powder what was uses in guns.

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Timeline

13 April 1570

Guy Fawkes was born in York

24 March 1603

King James I was crowned King of England

20 May 1604

Guy met with some of the other people involved in the Gunpowder Plot for the first time in the Duck and Drake pub

March 1605

Guy and his friends rented a basement that was located underneath the House of Lords, and started to fill it with barrels of gunpowder

26 October 1605

Lord Monteagle received a letter warning him of something bad happening on 5 November

1 November 1605

The letter that Lord Monteagle received was shown to King James I.

5 November 1605

Guy Fawkes was arrested in the basement of the houses of Parliament.

31 January

Guy Fawkes was put to death.

Historical skills and enquiries

To look at events beyond their living memory.

To study a significant individual in the past.

(Guy Fawkes)

To find out why bonfire night is celebrated.

To understand why people living in England didn't like King James I.