



Year 1 History

Guy Fawkes and The Gunpowder Plot

Key Vocabulary

Things you should already know:

- Know some similarities and differences between things in the past and now,
- Understand the past through settings, characters and events encountered in books read in class and storytelling.

New Learning for Year 1

- ♦ The Gunpowder Plot was a plot to kill King James I and his government by blowing up the Houses of Parliament.
- ♦ Robert Catesby, Guy Fawkes, Thomas Percy, and five of their friends were involved.
- ♦ Under the rule of James I, Catholics were treated unfairly. The plotters were all Catholic and wanted King James removed from the throne.
- ♦ 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.
- ♦ King James I ordered that people should celebrate his survival on the 5th November.
- ♦ To this day, people still light bonfires to celebrate.

Key Knowledge

- The Gunpowder Plot was a plot to kill King James I and his government by blowing up The Houses of Parliament.
- The plotters were all Catholic. They thought that King James I was being unfair to Catholics because he was a Protestant. They did not want him to be king anymore.
- The plot failed. Guy Fawkes was found with gunpowder in the cellar at The Houses of Parliament.

London	The capital city of England and the UK where the Gunpowder Plot took place.
plot	A secret plan to do something that could hurt others or is not allowed.
gunpowder	A powder used to create explosions.
Catholic	A Christian who is a member of the Catholic Church.
Protestant	A Christian who is a member of the Church of England.
Guy Fawkes	A gunpowder expert who was blamed for the plot.
King James I	The king of England when the Gunpowder Plot took place.
Houses of Parliament	Buildings in London, where the government meets.



Guy Fawkes



Houses of Parliament



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What do you think these men are talking about?



Who is this Monarch and what is his name?



Scan this QR code to watch the Gunpoweer plot again



We celebrate the failure of The Gunpowder Plot every year on November 5th. Fireworks displays are put on throughout the country.

