

THE GUN- POWDER PLOT

Bonfire night happens on 5th November every year. It reminds us of an attempt to blow up the Houses of Parliament in London in 1605, known as the Gun Powder Plot.

Bonfires are traditionally lit at this time of year and there is sometimes a dummy man on the top of them. The dummy is called the 'Guy' and represents the man who was part of the plot, named Guy Fawkes.

Guy Fawkes became friends with Robert Catesby who was leader of a secret group who wanted to blow up the Houses of Parliament and kill the King. There were 13 people involved in the plot which was set to take place when the King opened parliament. They wanted to kill the King and his leaders so someone else would rule England instead.

Guy Fawkes' job in the Gunpowder Plot was to protect 36 barrels of gunpowder which had been stored in a basement underneath the Houses of Parliament. Guards discovered Guy Fawkes and the gunpowder after being tipped off by an unsigned letter. He was arrested and taken to the Tower of London.

Following this plot, King James I decreed that the 5th November should be the day that people always celebrate that the Gunpowder Plot did not happen, which is why we still celebrate to this day.

Many people still enjoy going to organised events which include a bonfire, firework display, sparklers and traditional snacks.



THE GUNPOWDER PLOT QUIZ

Name _____

Class _____

How much do you know about Bonfire Night?

When do we celebrate Bonfire Night?

Why did they want to blow up the Houses of Parliament?

Where would you find the Houses of Parliament?

Who was the leader of the Gunpowder Plot?

How many barrels of Gunpowder was Guy Fawkes found with in the basement under the Houses of Parliament?

Where was Guy Fawkes taken when he was arrested?

Who was the King at the time of the Gunpowder Plot?