

# Mysterious, fiendish Gunpowder Plot

Knowledge Organiser – Class 2



## History of the Gunpowder Plot & Guy Fawkes Night

Four hundred years ago, in 1605, a man called Guy Fawkes and a group of plotters attempted to blow up the Houses of Parliament in London with barrels of gunpowder placed in the basement. They wanted to kill King James and the king's leaders.

Why did Guy Fawkes want to kill King James 1st and the king's leaders? When Queen Elizabeth 1st took the throne of England she made some laws against the Roman Catholics. Guy Fawkes was one of a small group of Catholics who felt that the government was treating Roman Catholics unfairly. They hoped that King James 1st would change the laws, but he didn't.

Catholics had to practise their religion in secret. James 1st passed more laws against the Catholics when he became king.

What happened – The Gunpowder plot A group of men led by Robert Catesby plotted to kill King James and blow up the Houses of Parliament, the place where the laws that governed England were made.



The plot was simple – The plotters would blow up the Houses of Parliament when King James 1st opened it. The men bought a house next door which had a cellar under Parliament and placed barrels of gunpowder to blow it up!

Guy Fawkes Discovered – Guy Fawkes was given the job to keep watch over the barrels of gunpowder and to light the fuse. On the morning of 5<sup>th</sup> November, soldiers discovered Guy hidden in the cellar and arrested him. The trail of gunpowder at his feet would never be lit.

Tower of London – He was tortured and questioned about the other plotters. To start with he didn't tell the soldiers anything about the plot. But, eventually he started to tell the truth.

A Celebration – In celebration of his survival, King James ordered that the people of England should have a great bonfire on the night on 5<sup>th</sup> November. The event is still commemorated annually in England on 5<sup>th</sup> November by fireworks and burning 'saus' (effigies) on bonfires.





## Key Vocabulary for this topic

These are words that you can go over with your child[ren] explaining what they mean.

You can also have a go at trying to **spell them** or **place them into sentences** to show you understand them!

Religion	History
Past	Plotters
King	Gunpowder
Plot	Barrels
Cellar	Celebration
Bonfires	Fireworks

Attached are some flashcards to cut up and use. Focus on a few words at a time. Can your child now tell you what it means? Draw a simple picture on the back to illustrate the word [if possible] or write a super sentence together on the back. Can they combine more than one word in a sentence? Play around and see what can happen!

Relation

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