

Year 1—Guy Fawkes

Guy Fawkes was born on 13th April 1570, in York. His Catholic religion was very important to him but, at that time, King James I did not like people being Catholic in England. Guy went to fight in a different country and when he came back to England, he became involved in a plot to kill King James I. A group of men, led by Robert Catesby, wanted Guy Fawkes to be involved partly because he understood how to use gunpowder, which is very explosive and dangerous. This was their Gunpowder Plot.



Guy Fawkes



King James I

KEY KNOWLEDGE:

QUESTION 1: When and how is Bonfire Night celebrated? **ANSWER** Bonfire night is celebrated on the 5th November every year when bonfires are lit and some have burning effigies of Guy Fawkes.

QUESTION 2: What was the Gunpowder Plot? **ANSWER** The Gunpowder Plot was an attempt made by a group of Catholics to blow up the King and the Houses of Parliament, as this was the place that all the country's laws are made. On 4th November Guy Fawkes was caught red handed with the gunpowder just before the King was due to open Parliament.

QUESTION 3: What were the reasons for the Gunpowder Plot? **ANSWER** A group of Catholics wanted to replace the country's Protestant government with Catholic leadership.

QUESTION 4: Why do we celebrate the 5th November? **ANSWER** The reason people began to celebrate the 5th November with Bonfires is not to celebrate the attempt to blow up the houses of Parliament but rather to celebrate the fact that the plan was foiled.

Key Skills:

- ◆ Remember part of stories and memories about the past
- ◆ Know about similarities and differences between themselves and others.
- ◆ Show knowledge and understanding about the past in different ways: role play, drawing, writing, talking etc.
- ◆ Write simple recounts, label diagrams
- ◆ Sort artefacts into 'then' and 'now'
- ◆ Find answers to simple questions about the past from sources of information, e.g. artefacts
- ◆ Begin to identify different ways to represent the past (e.g. photos, stories, adults talking about the past)

The Houses of Parliament

