

Lunt's Heath Primary School – Knowledge Organiser (Fact File)

History Focus

The Gunpowder Plot

Year 2

Term: Autumn 1

Unit Overview

Events beyond living memory that are significant national or globally.

The Gunpowder Plot

Key Knowledge and 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 Winters and 5 of their friends.

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 Montague 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 5th November. To this day, people still light bonfires and burn 'guys'.

What? (Key Vocabulary)

Spelling

Definition/ Sentence

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 that was used in guns.

Timeline of Events

13th April 1570

Guy Fawkes is born.

24th March 1603

King James I becomes King of England.

May 1604

The group begin their plot.

March 1605

The plotters rent a cellar under the Houses of Parliament.

26th October 1605

Lord Montague, who is a Catholic, receives an unsigned letter that warns him not to go to the opening of Parliament.

5th November 1605

Guy Fawkes is found in the cellar with 36 barrels of gunpowder by the king's guards.

31st January 1606

Guy Fawkes is arrested.

Pictures



King James I



Guy Fawkes



The Houses of Parliament