

Who was Guy Fawkes?

In this unit of work the children will begin to understand who Guy Fawkes was and why the Gunpowder Plot has changed history. The children will delve into the history of 1605 and learn all about why the Gunpowder plot was planned and what happened to stop it!

In this unit children will:

- Discover lots of information about Guy Fawkes himself, including where he lived and who was in his family.
- Find out what the Gunpowder plot was and why it was set up.
- Find out who was involved in the Gunpowder plot – was Guy Fawkes on his own?
- Understand why Guy Fawkes plotted to try and blow up The Houses of Parliament.
- Understand how the plot was stopped and what happened after this.
- Learn about Bonfire Night today and why we still celebrate such an event!

Prior Learning

EYFS – Bonfire Night

**Year 1 – changes in living memory
looked at in Spring term 1.**

Cross Curricular Links

Geography – Looking at United Kingdom.

Key Vocabulary

plot – a secret plan to do something that is illegal or wrong.

laws – rules to help run the country.

Illegal – if something breaks the laws of the country.

Tower of London – A historic castle bases on the North bank of the River Thames in London.

Capital city – London – where the Government gathers to create laws.

Houses of Parliament – the buildings where the British government do their work.

Gunpowder – An explosive substance or device that can cause an explosion.

bonfire – a fire outdoors to burn rubbish or celebrate an event.

executed – to kill someone as a punishment for a serious crime.

dummy – a model of a person often used to display clothes.

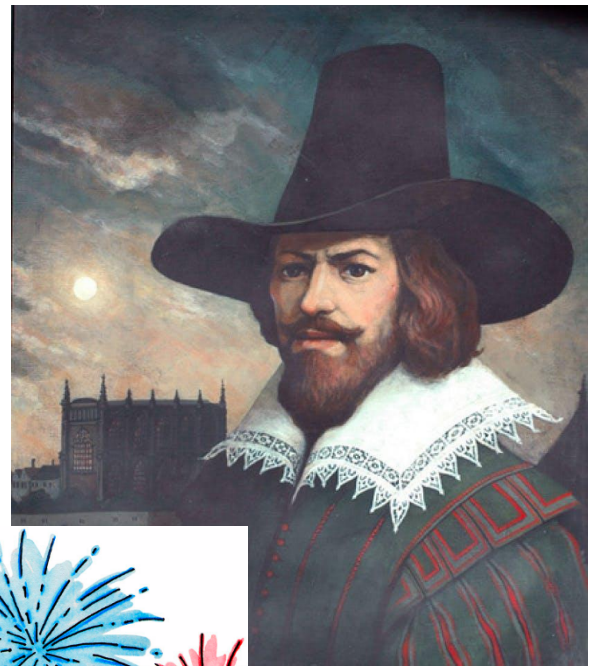
bodyguard – a person employed to protect and look after someone.

Monarch – a King or a Queen.

Conspirator – a person who is planning to

Key Knowledge

- **Guy Fawkes** was born in 1570 in York, England.
- When he was 21 he left England to join the **Catholic Spanish Army**. He adopted the Italian version of his name and became known as 'Guido'.
- He **plotted** with other **conspirators** to use **explosives** to destroy the **Houses of Parliament** and King James I.
- The planned day of the **plot** was 5th November 1605.
- Fawkes was responsible for lighting the **fuse** to the barrels of gunpowder, which they hid under the **Houses of Parliament**.
- The **plot** was unsuccessful and Guy Fawkes was held in the **Tower of London** where he was punished and **executed**.



Guy Fawkes Poem

Remember, remember the fifth of November.

Gunpower, treason and plot.

We see no reason

Why gunpowder treason

Should ever be forgot!

Key Questions

- Did Guy Fawkes work alone or with a team?
- What made Guy Fawkes want to kill the king?
- How was the Gunpowder Plot stopped?
- Why do we celebrate Bonfire Night?