

Knowledge Organiser for Year 2 History– Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder plot.

Big question: Why do we remember Guy Fawkes?

National curriculum specification

- Identify similarities and differences between ways of life in different periods.
- Explore events beyond living memory... reveal a change in national life.
- stories and other sources to show they understand key features of events
- Look at “significant historical events, people and places” in Britain

Timeline of key events

March 1603	Elizabeth 1 dies. Her cousin becomes King James 1 of England.
January 1604	Catesby starts planning the Gunpowder Plot.
April 1604	Guy Fawkes is recruited into the Gunpowder plot as explosives expert.
February 1605	A tunnel is dug towards Parliament. The Gunpowder Plot is smuggled inside.
October 1605	Lord Monteagle, who was married to the sister of a member of the gunpowder plot, receives a letter of warning from the Gunpowder plot. He was told NOT to attend parliament on 5 th November.
November 1605	The King is shown the warning letter and The King’s Men search the vaults.
5 th November 1605	Guy Fawkes is arrested and questioned. He is found guilty.

Key facts/figures

Gunpowder Plot	The plan to blow up the houses of Parliament.
Key places/ people	
London	Capital city of England
Houses of Parliament	Place where the government sits, target of the gunpowder plot.
Thomas Catesby	Leader of the group plotting to blow up the houses of Parliament.
Guido (Guy) Fawkes	Gunpowder expert in Gunpowder plot – found with fuses and matches on 5 th November.
King James 1	Protestant King of Scotland and then England. United the two countries in 1603.
Elizabeth 1	Queen of England before King James. Died in 1603.

Key vocabulary/Tier 3

Bonfire	A large fire.
Catholics	Members of the Catholic Church (a branch of Christianity).
Christians	People who follow the Christians.
Conspirators	People who are plotting together.

Effigy	A model or sculpture of a specific person.
Government	A group of people who pass laws in the UK.
Gunpowder.	A chemical that explodes if set alight.
Houses of Parliament	Buildings in London where the government meets.
Monarch	A King or Queen, e.g. King James.
Plot	A secret plan to do something harmful to others.
Protestant	Member of the Protestant Church.
Treason	Carrying out a crime against a country, monarch or government.

Key concepts

The Gunpowder Plot happened because King James passed laws making life harder for Catholics.

The Gunpowder Plot members were Catholics. King James was a Protestant.

Scotland and England were separate countries until King James united them.

