Historical Skills - Historical Significance, Historical Enquiry, Chronology, Change and Continuity, Evidence and Interpretation Similarity and Difference

Year 2 – What do we remember in November? The Gunpowder Plot

Historical Themes: *civilisation, government, revolution and change*

Timeline of Events

13th April 1570	24th March 1603	May 1604	March 1605	26th October 1605	5th November 1605	31st January 1606
Guy Fawkes is born.	King James I becomes King of England.	The group begin to plot against King James I.	The plotters rent a cellar under the Houses of Parliament	Lord Monteagle, who is a Catholic, receives an unsigned letter that warns him not to go to the opening of Parliament on the 5th November.	Guy Fawkes is found in the cellar with 36 barrels of gunpowder by the king's guards.	Guy Fawkes is executed.

Key Vocabulary

London	The capital city of England and the UK where the Gunpowder Plot took place.
plot	A secret plan to do something that could hurt others or is not allowed.
gunpowder	A powder used to create explosions.
Catholic	A Christian who is a member of the Catholic Church.
Protestant	A Christian who is a member of the Church of England.
Guy Fawkes	A gunpowder expert who was blamed for the plot.
King James I	The king of England when the Gunpowder Plot took place.

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that the failure of the Gunpowder Plot is remembered every year on 5th November? People light bonfires and set off fireworks.

General Knowledge

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.

Why was there a plot?

The plotters were all Catholic. They thought that King James I was being unfair to Catholics because he was a Protestant. They did not want him to be the king any more.

Did the plot succeed?

The plot failed. Guy Fawkes was found with gunpowder in the cellar at the Houses of Parliament.

The Plotters Planning the Gunpowder Plot

Famous Figures

Guy Fawkes

King James I

Robert Catesby

Thomas Percy