

## Y1/2 Subject: History – The Gunpowder Plot



### Why are we learning about the Gunpowder Plot?

**We are building on all our previous learning of** celebrations and festivals (EYFS) and the chronological understanding of the Great Fire of London (KS1). We are going to identify key individuals that were involved in the Gunpowder plot as well as sequencing the order of events. We will also learn about how Bonfire night was celebrated in the past compared to how it is celebrated now.

**It is important to know** the events of the Gunpowder plot because it created a significant change to society leading to an annual celebration today.

**This will be developed in** Key Stage 2 when we will make historical enquiries about World War II as well as events that changed crime and punishment.

### Important questions to answer:

- Who was Guy Fawkes?
- Why did the plotters seek to kill King James I?
- Why did Robert Catesby plan to blow up the Houses of Parliament?
- Why was the letter to Lord Monteagle significant during the plot?
- Why do we celebrate Bonfire Night?
- How was bonfire night celebrated in the past?

### Experiences we will have:

- Create firework paintings
- Use role play/drama to act out the events of the Gunpowder Plot

### Things we need to know:

- The Gunpowder Plot was a plot to kill King James I and his government.
- Robert Catesby was the leader of the Catholic group, which included Guy Fawkes and Thomas Percy.
- A letter was sent to Lord Monteagle warning him of the plot.
- Bonfire Night is a celebration of the survival of King James I.
- The fire is to symbolise the gunpowder explosion

### Skills we need to learn:

- I can put pictures/events in chronological order
- I can use subject specific vocabulary correctly
- I can use primary and secondary sources to research about the Gunpowder Plot
- Ask historical questions about the significant event

### Subject Specific Vocabulary:

Gunpowder Plot	Fireworks	government
Guy Fawkes	Bonfire night	Lord Monteagle
5 <sup>th</sup> November	Houses of parliament	Festival
Thomas Percy	Chamber	Celebration
Robert Catesby	Cellar	assassination
	King James I	